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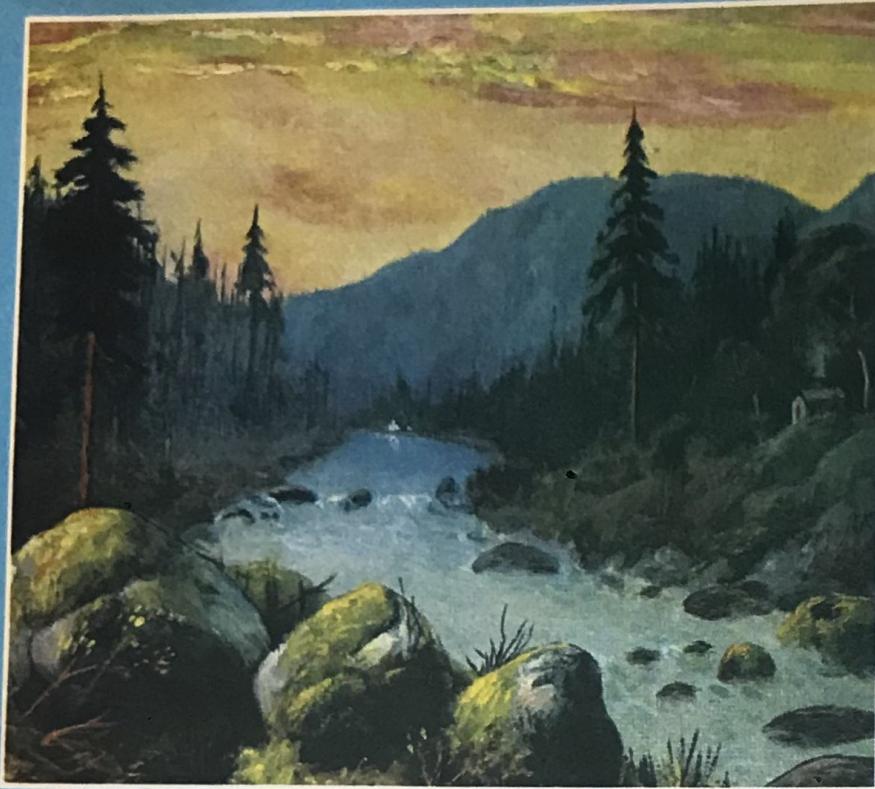
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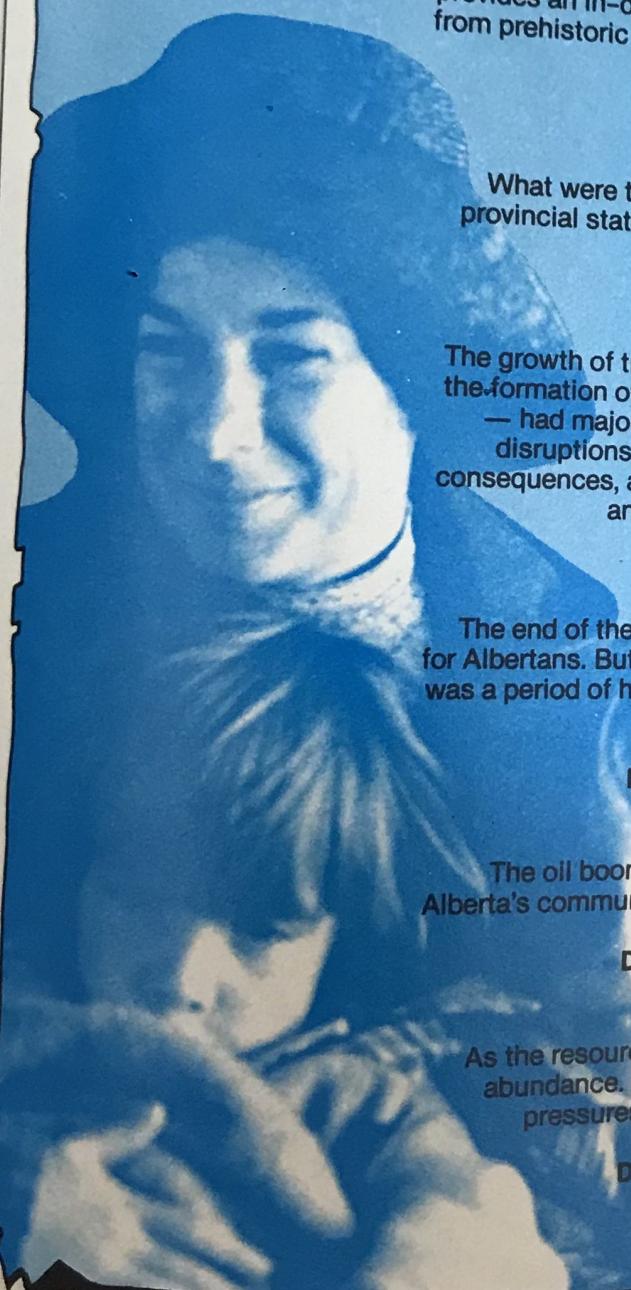
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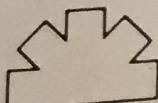
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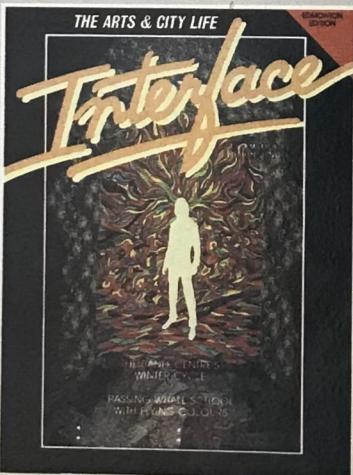
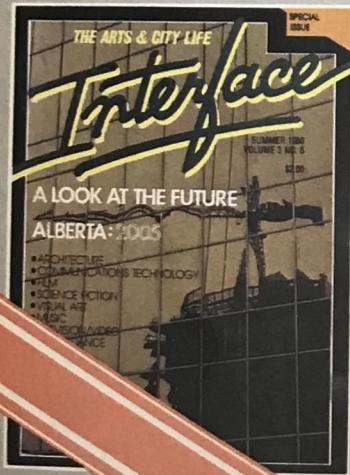
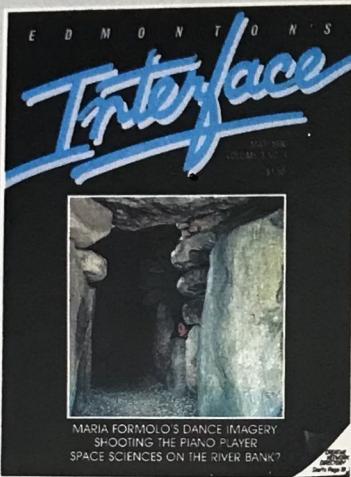
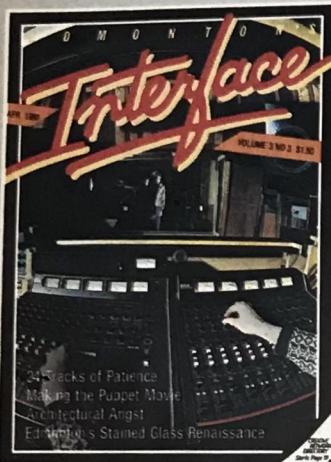
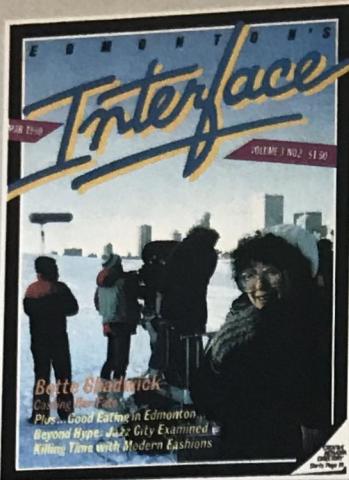


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"Merry Christmas! Love, Mimi."

"What can it be?" he thought.
"I hope it isn't another damn necktie..."

Using the crowbar, he levered off the top, and then rummaged through the billows of excelsior and tissue paper until at last he found the envelope.

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"That Mimi!" he chuckled.
"She always knows..."

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Feedback

Good news should come sooner

INTERFACE is a great asset to the Edmonton arts scene and I thoroughly support your efforts. The only wish is that my copy arrived a little earlier—but perhaps I should volunteer to help you get the mailing out, eh?

Susanne Palmer
Edmonton

Our date of publication is the 1st of each month, January and July excepted, and we generally have the magazine in the mail by the 28th or 29th of the month before. If there is a delay, we suggest you phone the Postmaster at your local sub-post office to speed up delivery.—Ed.

Reviewer reviewed

I find the articles written by Mark Schoenberg annoying. He seems to be prejudiced about all theatres in town [Edmonton] except his own. I think his criticism of the Citadel is most unfair.

Mrs. E. De Vos
Sherwood Park

Although Mr. Schoenberg was indeed co-founder of Theatre 3, he has not been its Artistic Director for the past three years, and his reviews of productions there are sometimes less than flattering.

Elsewhere in this issue, see his review of the Citadel's production of *A Life*; we don't think you'll find it at all unfair.—Ed.

Spice is nice

Stephen Scobie's reviews are unique, spicy and informative—please keep them up.

Karen Redford
Fort Saskatchewan

For other thoughts on Scobie's reviews, see A MATTER OF OPINION on page 45.—Ed.

The future? Bah, humbug!

Stay away from that futuristic claptrap that plagued the summer issue (INTERFACE Summer 80)...although Howard Dallin had some interesting things to say...

Bill Johnston
Edmonton

About those chirpy comments...

Candas Jane Dorsey's chirpy style of writing the ART SHORTS section of your new Calgary edition (INTERFACE Sept. 80) may not be my preference where gallery reviews are concerned, but in most instances she gets her point across with success. However, her opening comment on the Young Artists of the Prairies show at the Nickle Arts Museum should be moved upstairs to the admin. office along with the offending Stooshinoff work, or better still, taped to the bathroom wall where it can be with its own kind.

Deborah Godin
Calgary

While Ms. Dorsey continues to write ART SHORTS in Edmonton, those in the Calgary edition are now handled by Elyse Eliot.—Ed.

Flowers and vinegar

Your two-page spread on Dandelion Magazine (INTERFACE Sept. 80) could only have been improved with a two-line plug: Dandelion is available for \$5/year or \$3/sample copy from its office at 922 9th Ave SE, Calgary, Alberta T2G 0S2.

Ann Knight
Dandelion Magazine
Calgary

Delicafé delighted

...the favourable review of Kensington's Delicafé in the first Calgary edition (INTERFACE Sept. 80)...even though we chose not to advertise in magazines, including INTERFACE, has sold me on your publication.

Good luck to you in Calgary.

Harvey Cohen
Kensington's Delicafé
Calgary

Magazine a great idea but...

INTERFACE started off as a great idea—a look at the arts and life of Edmonton...but within the last few issues, I think I have detected a distinct change of attitude....You are no doubt aiming for the upwardly mobile 20-35 age group—as evidenced by the advertising. This group is so susceptible to whatever happens to be socially fashionable at the time. This fickleness can at times be detected in the magazine, in both the writers and the topics discussed.

As a member of this group and one who makes a living on the arts, I am certainly attracted to INTERFACE; but at the same time the pretentiousness and narcissism of this age group seeps into the magazine and sometimes creates an affected product.

G. Kozdrowski
Edmonton

More bouquets

Enjoy your magazine immensely. Who needs the *Journal*??

Kasia Hedinger
Edmonton

Your magazine continues to be a coffee table showpiece. Colour reproduction, critiques and coverage sparkle with interest and originality.

Marjorie Morgan
Edmonton

Terrific magazine! The professional layout and wide scope in the arts is very impressive. The change and growth in the last year is unbelievable.

David Garber
Edmonton

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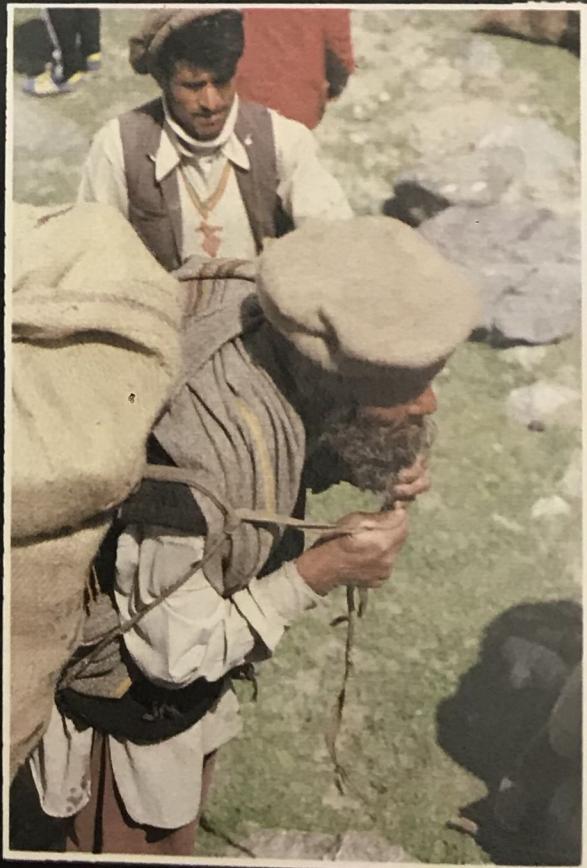
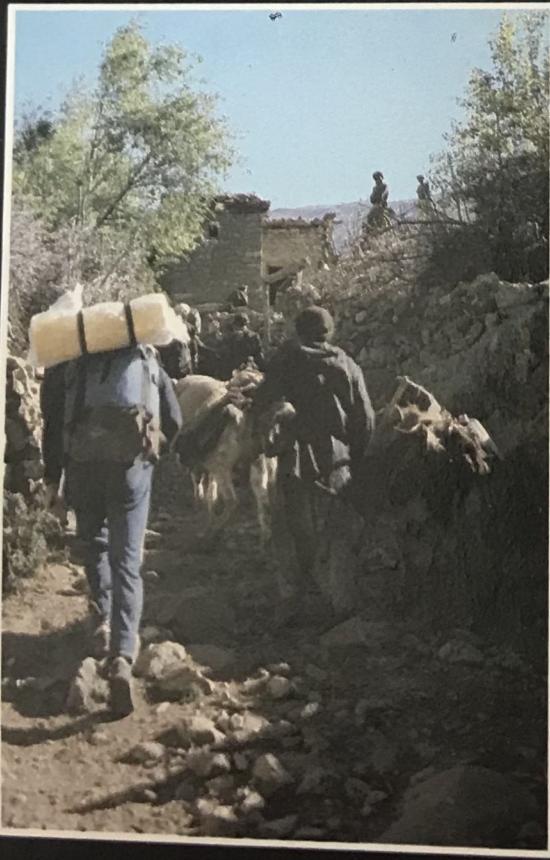
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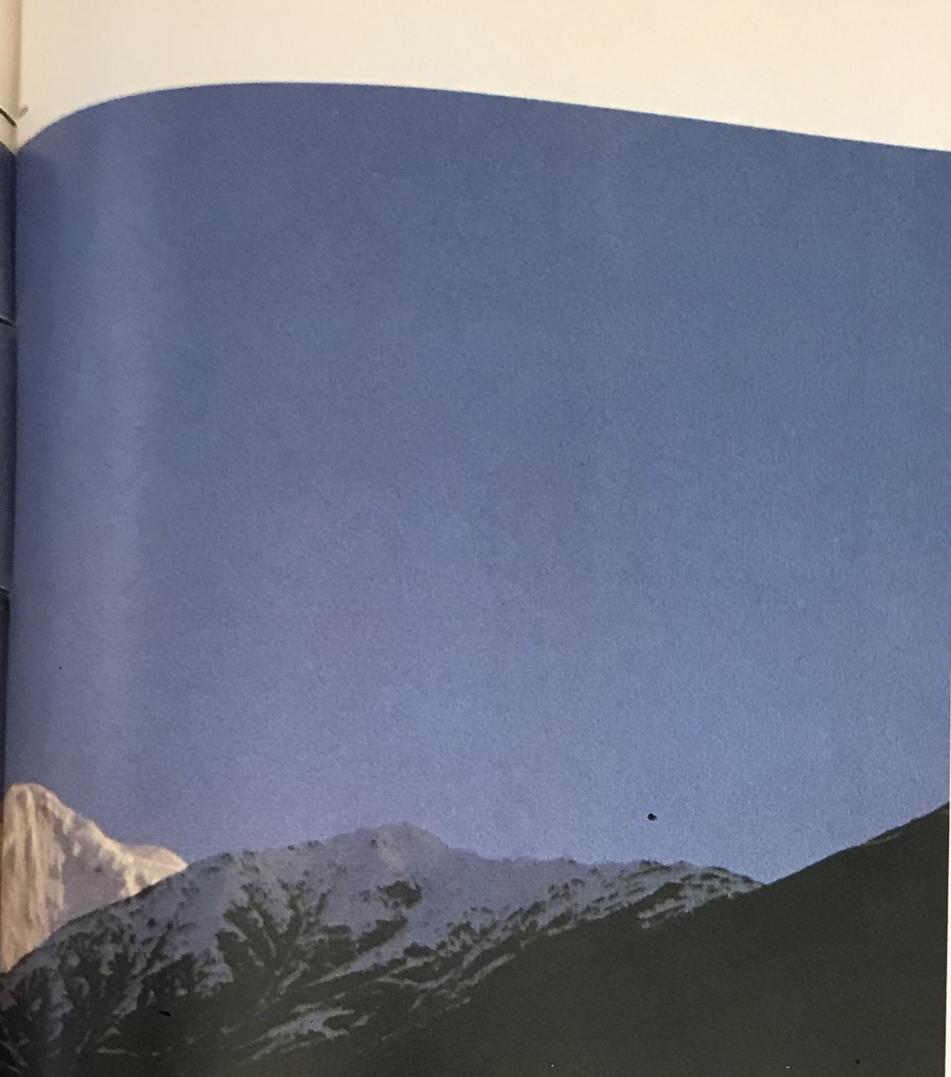
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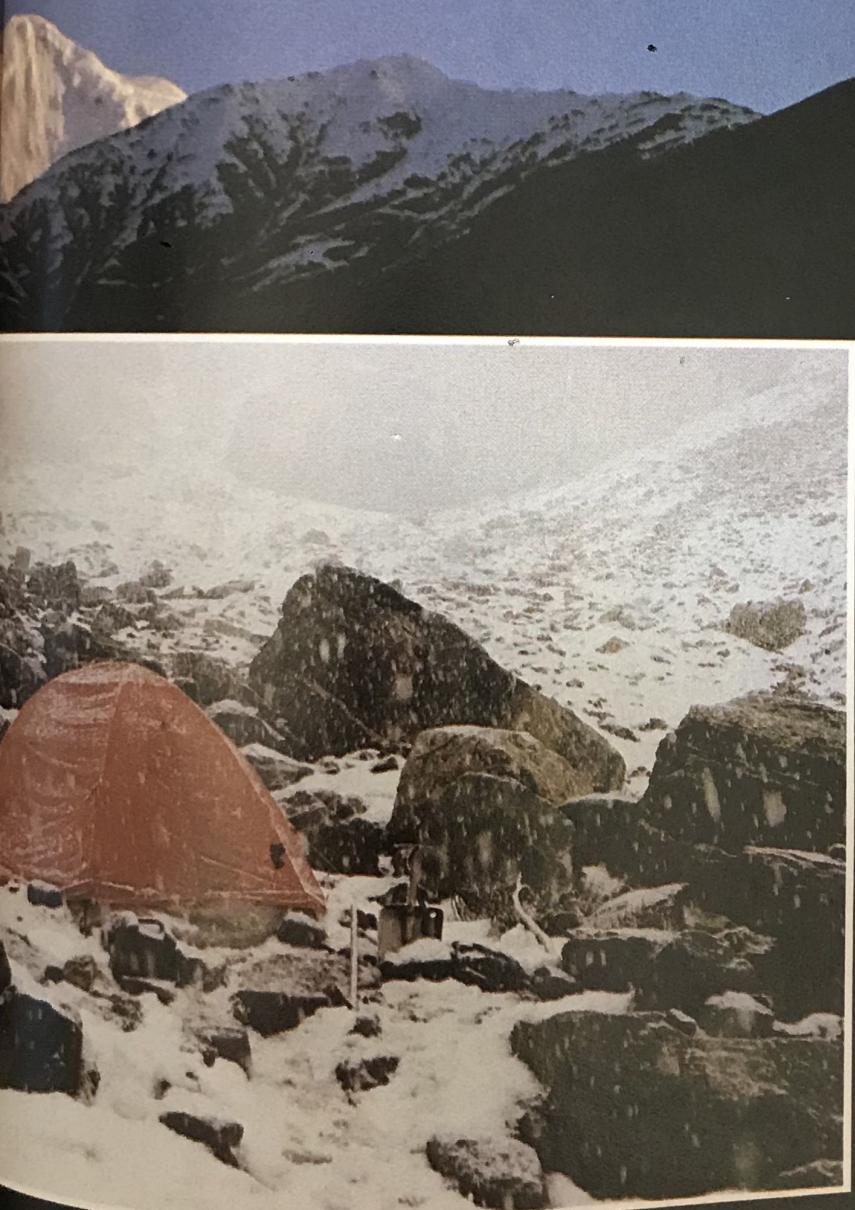


TRAVEL

HEAT, DUST & THE WORLD'S HIGHEST MOUNTAINS

The Peacock Splendours
of Kashmir

By RANDY MORSE



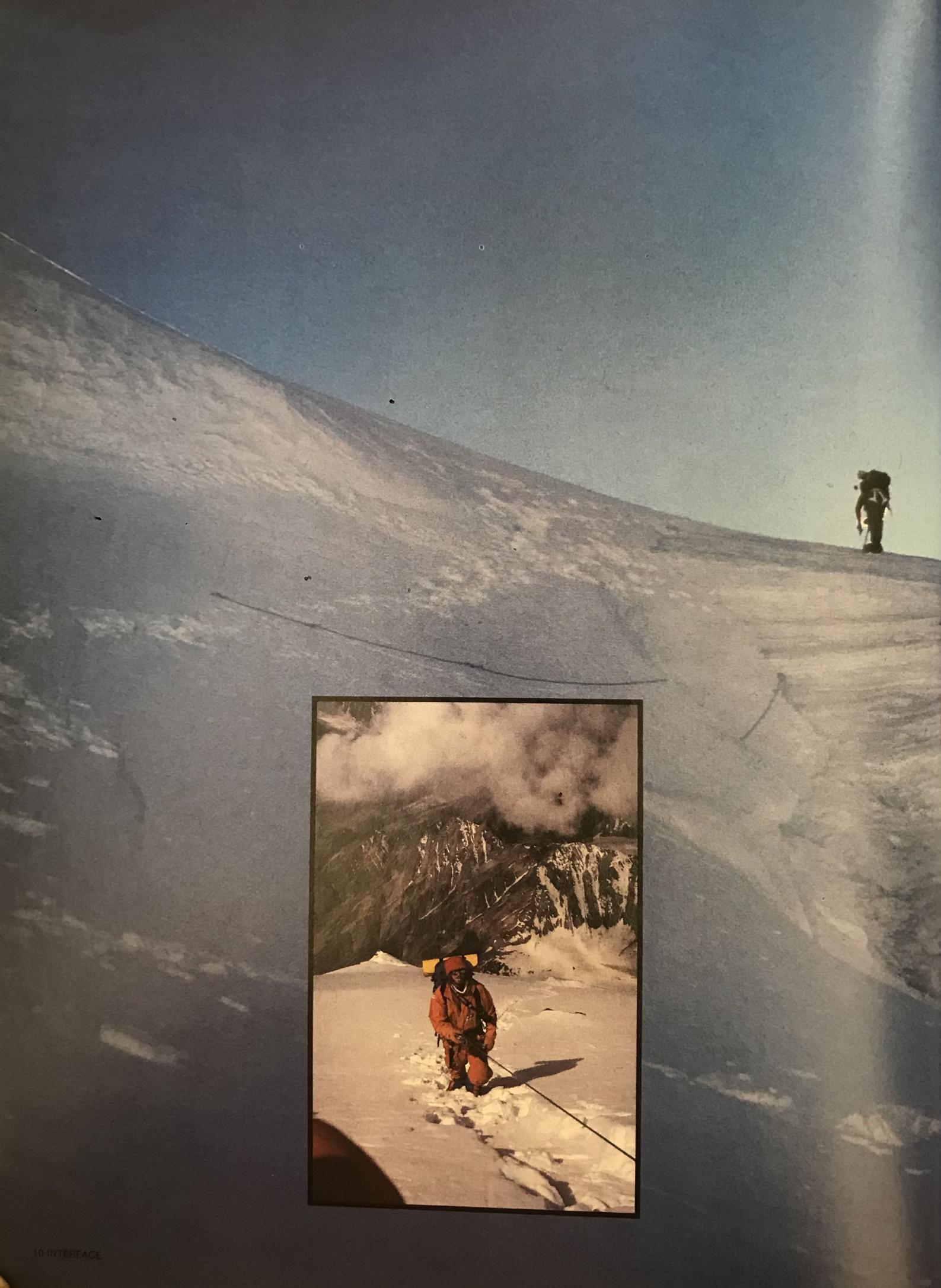
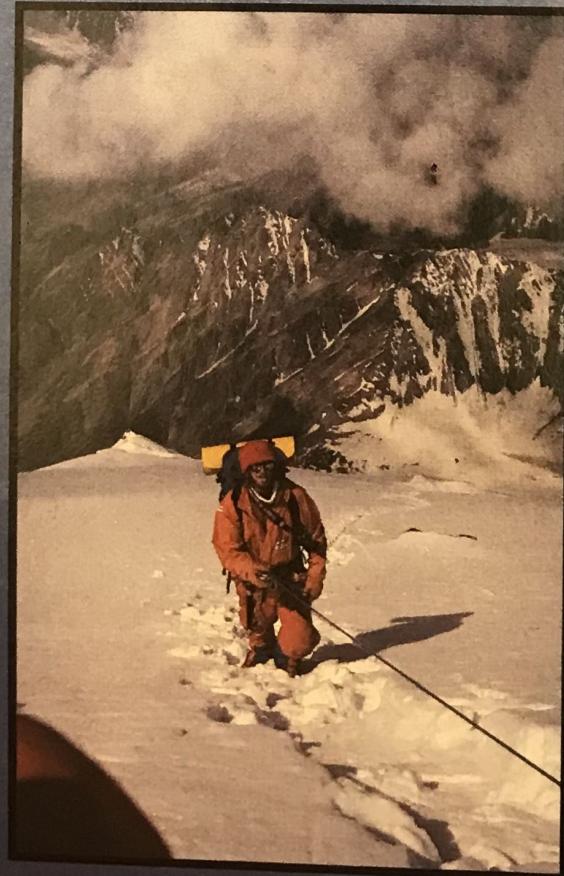
Here were all manner of Northern folk, tending tethered ponies and kneeling camels; loading and unloading bales and bundles; drawing water for the evening meal at the creaking well-windlasses; piling grass before the shrieking, wild-eyed stallions; cuffing the surly caravan dogs; paying off camel-drivers; taking on new grooms; swearing, shouting, arguing and chattering in the packed square.

Rudyard Kipling

Nothing, not even vintage Kipling, can prepare you. Especially for the heat. Islamabad International at three in the morning is a rude, sudden introduction to The Frontier. The smell of sweat. Of urine. Of curry and overripe ghi. The incessant chattering of thousands of birds roosting in the great trees ringing the terminal building. The urchins, brazen young front-men for the apathetic drivers in the rough parking lot, tugging at your sweat-soaked sleeve, chirping "Taxi Sahib, taxi this-a-way!" And the heat. At three in the morning, *the heat*.

As we rode from the airport in a British Embassy Land Rover, there was ample evidence that (a) Pakistan is a devoutly Islamic country; (b) it is a country under martial law; and (c) ordinary people take the former very seriously indeed, and the latter not very seriously at all.

Some people are born here; others travel thousands of miles for a chance to climb the Himalayas. In June of this year, Randy Morse came with an expedition to climb the Rupal flank of Nanga Parbat, one of the ten highest peaks in the world.



Mosques were everywhere, as were huge banners sagging over the roadway extolling the virtues of Islamic unity ("We Trust in the Eternal Bonds of Invincible Muslim Brotherhood" etc.), reminders of a recently-completed meeting of Islamic foreign ministers held in Islamabad, Pakistan's somewhat bizarre answer to Brasilia, in an attempt to forge a common front to the Russian invasion of neighbouring Afghanistan. There were also soldiers everywhere, soldiers in a bewildering array of white-starched uniforms and sharply creased cotton pants, many of them holding hands, giving one another the occasional squeeze and peck on the cheek, most of them with seemingly little else to do as we drove by their barracks and roadblocks.

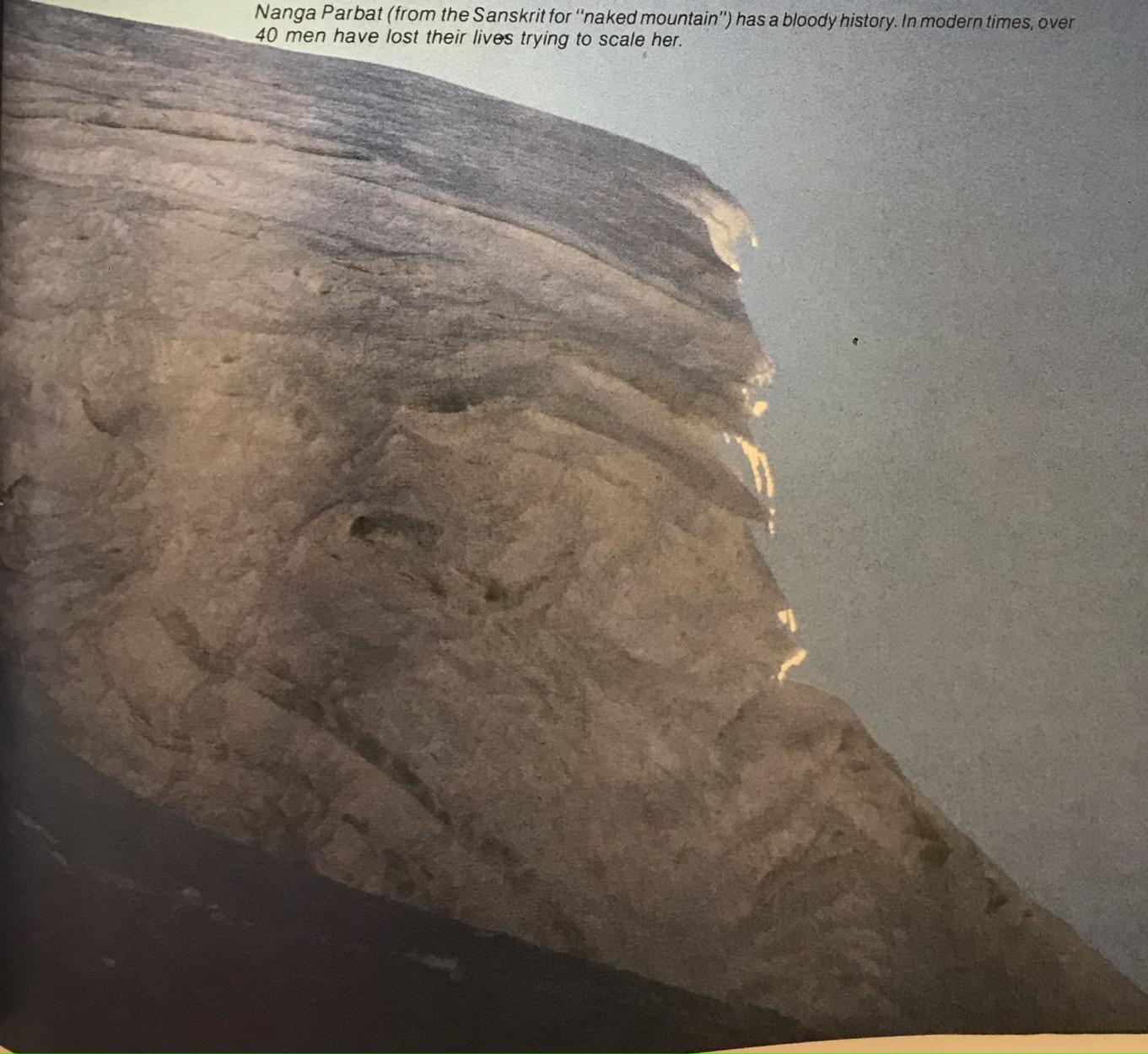
The drive from Islamabad to the older ex-British cantonment of Rawalpindi took 30 minutes. We pulled up in a cloud of red dust in front of a stucco, white-washed building that looked like a set-piece from an Italian western. This would be our base, the staging point for our push into the western Himalaya. Hordes of flies, a

few shy, smiling children wearing white shirts and tropical shorts, and, eventually, the owners, Mohammed and Haji, welcomed us to "Karakoram Travels."

The rest of that first day, and most of the next several that followed, unfolded in similar fashion: pack loads into porter-sized portions early in the morning, knock off for tea, run around Pindi in the Land Rover gathering supplies and doing all the paperwork necessary to allow one to travel in Kashmir, where we were going. Then, by noon, when the 50°C temperature made anything else impossible, off to the British Embassy Club. With its Muree Beer, beautiful pool, and deliciously bronzed and bored diplomatic widows, it was a small pocket world in wild contrast to the land of Jinnah, Bhutto and Zia outside the well-trimmed hedges.

Finally, the others having preceded me by truck up the Chinese-built Karakoram Highway, I found myself in the cockpit of a Pakistan International Airlines Fokker Friendship. We were flying at an altitude of 18,000 feet, high above the arid Indus River gorge, with my ultimate destination,

Nanga Parbat (from the Sanskrit for "naked mountain") has a bloody history. In modern times, over 40 men have lost their lives trying to scale her.



the mighty bulk of Nanga Parbat, filling the horizon to our right, a full 9,000 feet above the plane's maximum cruising altitude. Even from up here, the scale was awesome. Nanga Parbat and the Indus. I recalled a story, apparently true, told of the time at the turn of the century when a huge chunk of the great mountain had fallen across the river, damming it to a depth of nearly 100 fathoms. When the ensuing lake finally broke through the debris, a Sikh army encamped hundreds of miles away to the south, in the Punjab, was completely wiped out.

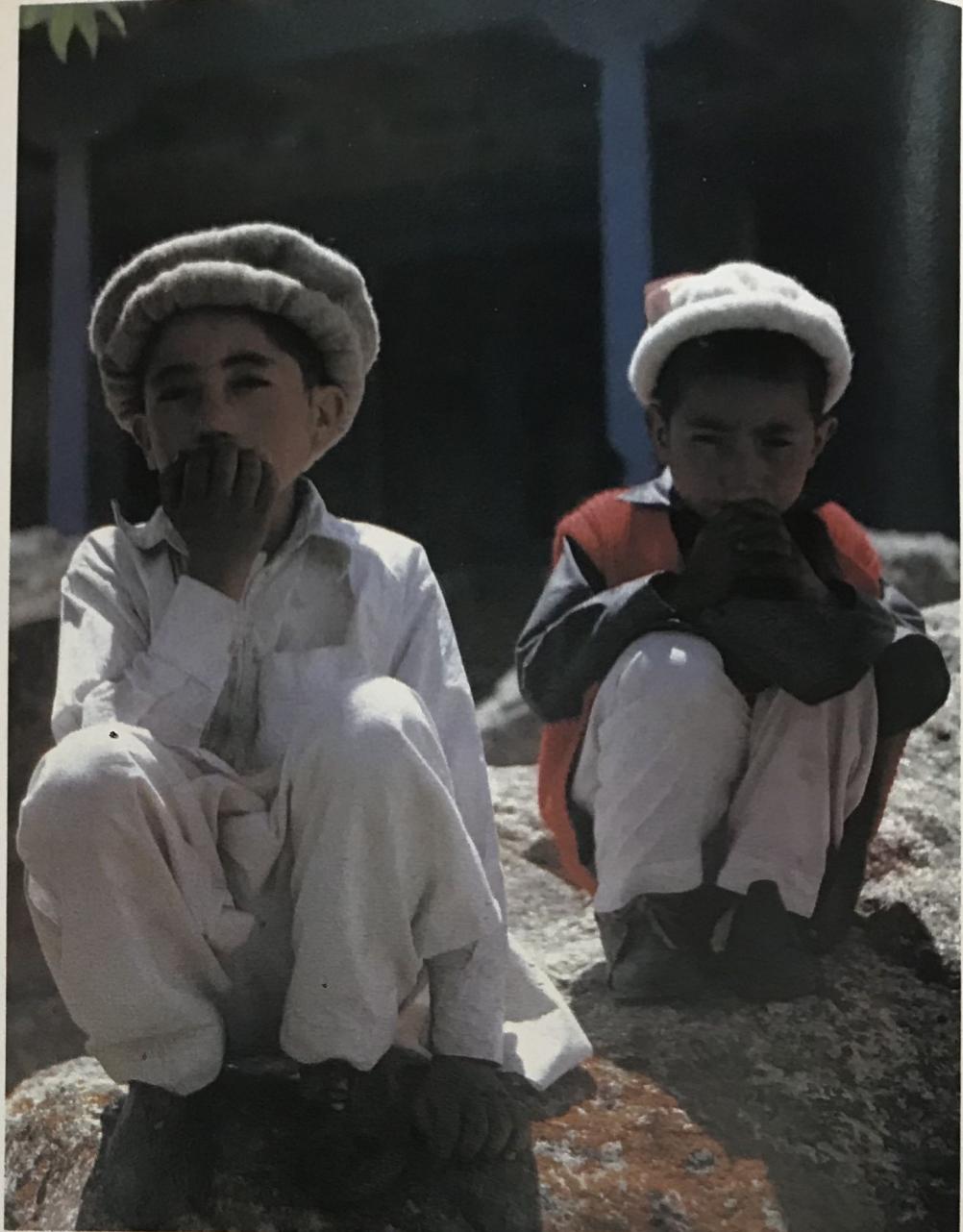
Nanga Parbat, derived from the Sanskrit words *Nanga Parvata*, or "Naked Mountain," has the bloodiest history of all the world's great 8,000 metre peaks. Over 40 men have died attempting to scale her, many of them in drawn-out passion plays that seem more the stuff of overwritten fiction than stark fact. Nanga Parbat was our goal, the first serious Anglo-Saxon mountaineering expedition to the peak since Mummery's ill-fated attempt in 1895.

The plane, after an exhilarating hour's flight, touched down perfectly on the narrow landing strip at Gilgit, bordered at one end by the brown waters of the Gilgit River, flanked on both sides by lush apricot groves. Looming over the scene, the peaks of Haramosh and Rakaposhi, the latter guardian of the fabled Vale of Hunza.

Gilgit is one of the legendary spots of Asia. Through the centuries this valley and its bazaar/town have seen travellers—and invaders—from Alexander the Macedonian, to the Mongols, to the fierce Hunzakuts, to the Sepoys of the Raj. It is, for all its dusty dryness and drab mud buildings, a romantic place, a place of high adventure, wild heroics and international intrigue. John Keay put it well when he said, "high above the snowline, somewhere midst the peaks and glaciers that wall in the Gilgit valley, the long and jealously guarded frontiers of India, China, Russia, Afghanistan and Pakistan meet. It is the hub, the crow's-nest, the fulcrum of Asia."

It is also a place of legendary trout fishing, some of the roughest polo (played on undoubtedly the most picturesque pitches) in the world, and a gateway for travellers and merchant caravans going to and from China's Sinkiang province and the intervening valley of Hunza. Well off the beaten track, Gilgit must nonetheless rank as a must for the mildly adventurous Asian traveller. There are two P.I.A. flights connecting the town with Rawalpindi/Islamabad a day—weather permitting (take several good books along—during the monsoon season, delays at either end of up to two weeks are not uncommon). The local guest house, a quaint leftover from the fading days of the Raj, is comfortable, and Pakistan International's new Hunza Inn maintains Asian 4-star standards, all for about \$15 per day.

In the town's bazaar, local handicrafts



Though remote and exotic, this region has been called "the hub, the crow's nest, the fulcrum of Asia." The people here have seen travellers as diverse as the soldiers of Alexander the Great and the Sepoys of the Raj.

such as elaborately embroidered robes and hats and intricate wood carvings are bargains. A full-length robe used by men and women, of woven goat's hair and boasting remarkable needlework and striking colours, costs about \$60 (the best work comes from Hunza). Raw Chinese silk is also a must—in July it was selling for approximately \$3 per metre.

Prizes aside, the setting is what makes Gilgit so special: the grizzled old men, Balti woolen hats askew, squatting outside the open-air shops, looking fierce as they puff their lung-scorching hand-rolled K2 cigarettes; the saffron-robed, shaven-headed pilgrims from Ladakh, fingering their rosaries as they stride unseeing down the dusty streets; the veiled women, their ankles, wrists and ears heavy with silver and mountain crystal, scurrying frantically from shop to shop, mischievously curious children in reluctant tow; the real bargain is simply being there, soaking it all in. Edmonton Centre or TD Square have never seemed so gloriously far away.

From Gilgit, the options are endless. A visit to Hunza, where people (descendants of Alexander's retreating army as local legend would have it) who seem to subsist comfortably on little more than apricots and strong fruit wine live to be over 110 years of age with amazing regularity, is not to be missed. The valley itself, and the Mir's spectacular residence, clinging to the steep hillside overlooking orchards and intensively cultivated fields directly opposite the graceful glaciers of Rakaposhi, inspired James Hilton to create the valley of Shangri-la in his novel *Lost Horizons*. The local inhabitants, Hunzakuts, have calmed down somewhat from the days when captured Dogra soldiers from the army of the Maharaja of Kashmir were routinely used as human fireworks to amuse the Mir. Individual Suzuki jeeps may be rented from Gilgit for the three-hour drive, but they are expensive. Much cheaper (about \$3 round-trip) and considerably more entertaining are the regularly scheduled, colourfully paint-

ed buses operated by the state-owned Northern Agency Transport Service.

Another interesting outing lies to the southeast—by jeep across the Indus at the strategic Bunji crossing, then on to the Kashmiri garrison town of Astor in the shadow of Nanga Parbat. Superb angling, mind-boggling mountain vistas and generally hospitable people more than compensate for the gut-wrenching roads, swarms of voracious flies, landslides and the occasional Chilas raiding party.

We unfortunately had little time ourselves to savour the sights and sounds of Gilgit and environs—our mountain beckoned. We met with our porters at the roadhead village of Rampur, tucked into a fold of the Astor valley. Here were wild-eyed, creased faces, Tibetan ponies and soaring Himalayan pinnacles of many a boyhood daydream. Towering impossibly high over the market-like scene of 60 porters scrambling for the lightest of the brightly-coloured loads, baseball-capped Sahibs, braying donkeys and clumps of curious children, stood the highest wall on the face of the earth—the Rupal Flank of Nanga Parbat.

The march in from Rampur to base camp went far too quickly. Huge bunches of wild rose competed with picturesque hillside-clinging mountain villages for our attention. Whichever we went, we were met with an open, honest hospitality that at times was almost embarrassing. After all this, the climb itself would seem almost anti-climactic. As we unpacked our equipment at base camp at the end of the approach march and prepared for the coming assault, I vowed to return soon, when there would be more time to spend soaking up the sights, sounds, smells and history of one of the world's special places. □

Randy Morse tells the story of this expedition in greater detail in *Nanga Parbat: The Naked Mountain*, tentatively scheduled for publication in the spring by McClelland & Stewart Ltd.

A FEW TIPS...

...Pakistan is currently under martial law. Visitors to the country's Northern Areas must apply in advance for special internal travel permits, as most of these areas are considered militarily sensitive. The Embassy of Pakistan in Ottawa can supply necessary details...don't take any photographs of Pakistani women without first asking permission, unless dying suddenly and violently in an exotic country has always been a goal of yours...for the more adventurous, the trekking and climbing possibilities are endless. Karakoram Travels in Rawalpindi is a reputable outfitter. For more information on any of the above, or on the new Himalayan trekking and mountaineering company being established in Alberta, feel free to contact Randy Morse in Edmonton at 434-1563. □

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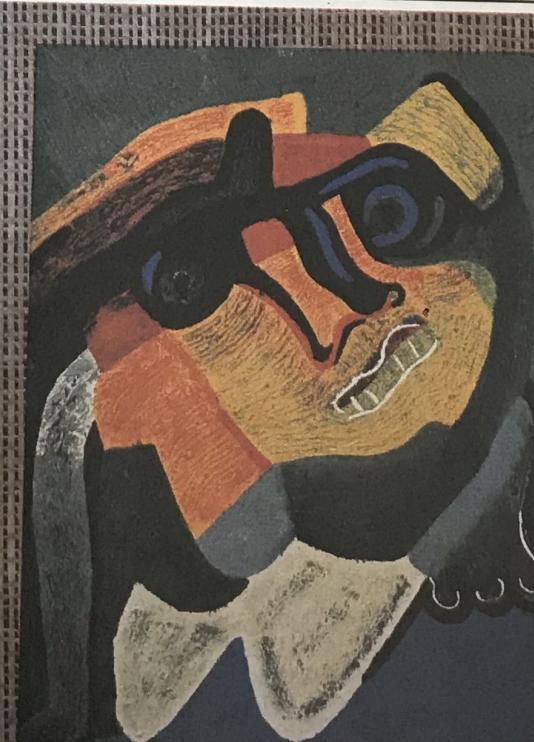


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WOMEN, ART AND CELEBRATION

Judy Chicago had a dinner party...

By CANDAS JANE DORSEY

We are meeting our old friend and shaman Art this time at a dinner party, because Judy Chicago is coming to the Canadian prairies! I'm excited like a kid before Christmas, writing this, because something I've been awaiting for some time is finally going to happen.

It was back in February that Doris Larson, business manager of the Shoestring Gallery in Saskatoon, an artist-run co-operative public gallery, woke up in the middle of the night with the wonderful idea. She had been thinking about the self-image of women artists, and the difficulty of women gaining credibility as artists, and planning a lecture on the subject. The Shoestring Gallery also had some funds available for public education. In that midnight moment it all came together. "What we need is Chicago!" From that inspiration grew a tour that now encompasses Edmonton, Banff, Calgary and Saskatoon. Chicago will lecture and show films or slides in each centre.

Judy Chicago is an artist working in California who over the last five years created a major and monumental work called *The Dinner Party*, a work which since its premiere in San Francisco early in 1979 has been generating commentary, controversy and energy wherever it goes (or doesn't go—more on that later). The work uses techniques of china painting and needlework to make a massive and beautiful statement on the history of the world through women. The piece consists of a triangular table at which are set, as if for a formal dinner party, place settings for 39 of the world's great women. The table stands on a dais on which are inscribed the names of 999 more women who figured importantly in history all over the world. Each place setting begins with an embroidered table runner identifying the "guest" and symbolically illustrating her life or significance. On the runner, centred between simple cutlery and flanked by a goblet, is a painted and/or bas-relief ceramic plate sculpted in a representation of the importance of each woman, symbolically illustrated. Sounds simple and powerful, and in photographs looks aesthetic and exciting, but the whole is so much more than its parts that all over the world people are responding with excitement and with work of their own—and with controversy: at least two large museums have refused to show it and at least one gallery director has lost that job after booking in the show.

Last month I talked about Art having power. Chicago's art has that kind of power—the power to create strong responses—of love, of excitement, of understanding, and sometimes, strangely it seems to me, fear. Though it's not so strange when I realize that the artists who touch most closely our hearts and nerves also make us most vulnerable, and to me, vulnerability is frightening, not exhilarating.

The women artists who are also members of the Shoestring were concerned with women's struggles in the world of Art; our old friend is an androgynous, but too often through history has been seen as male, getting in touch with the male realities. There are and have always been women shamans (artists), getting in touch with the other half of human reality, but not always with the support and encouragement of the hierarchy of the times. Women artists battle, not men artists, but the attitude that would tend to value men's work over women's, for no other reason but



View along the side of The Dinner Party table. Photo Michele Maier. ©1979 Judy Chicago. All rights reserved.

"privilege of sex." We are working toward a world where people speak to a universal soul, without ascribing to it an exclusive genital identity.

The Shoestring is as I said an artists' co-operative, and operates as a public gallery. The gallery has been in operation for ten years, evolving from a small commercial concern into a public gallery whose major thrust is education and exhibition. "We are working to provide a space for experimental work—work that can't be seen anywhere else," Larson says, "and by that I don't mean video artists who are accepted just about universally now. We provide a protected space where people can afford to fail, because while we look for quality work we can also take risks. This is the kind of role that we see ourselves playing in this community." The membership is made of women and men artists. The idea of bringing Chicago to Saskatoon was that she would be a source of public education as well as a focal point for a group of artists, some but not all of whom were Shoestring members. Each artist sees Chicago as a catalyst in their own process of engaging each other and other women who make art, "because she is a woman who makes art and understands the difficulties that go along with that in our culture," says Joanne Beirnes Sydiah, artist and Chairman of the Board of the Shoestring. Men artists who are members have been enthusiastic and supportive, Larson says, and Sydiah stresses, "we are not talking about discrimination, we do not want something that will cause further polarization." In other words, bringing women artists together into a network who will know each other and who will know each others' work is not a separatist process. Chicago says it best in her book *Through The Flower*: "This made me



Judy Chicago china-painting the Isabella d'Este Plate from The Dinner Party.

realize that I had been involved in a process, a process which had allowed me first to experience myself, then to express myself fully, a process which has rarely been available to women and which, in my estimation, is simply not possible in a male-dominated situation. Once I could actually be myself and express my point of view, both personally and professionally, I realized that through my art, I could contribute my values and attitudes as a woman to the culture in such a way that I could affect the society. Because, as women, we actually have access to the mechanisms of society and because we are more than one half the population, we can change and mold our environment, but only if we can be ourselves and express our real points of view. Moving "through the flower" is a process that is available to all of us, a process that can lead us to a place where we can express our humanity and values as women through our work and in our lives and in so doing, perhaps we can also reach across the great gulf between masculine and feminine and gently, tenderly, but firmly heal it." (p. 206. Italics hers. *Through the Flower*, Anchor Books, 1977)

The Dinner Party is now touring, and Chicago is involved in a new project, *The Birth Project*, using the images of birth and expressing them in needlework and quilting to make a major exhibition sometime in the future. Like *The Dinner Party*, *The Birth Project* involves large numbers of women working with Chicago on the execution of the works.

After Shoestring had made arrangements for Chicago to come on November 21st and give a lecture and slide show, and to meet with the group of interested artists, other galleries began to hear of the visit and show interest in booking Chicago also. That's how she comes to appear in Edmonton (sponsored by SUB Art Gallery) on November 18th, and in Banff at The Banff Centre on November 19th, showing Johanna Demetakis' film *Right Out of History: The Making of Judy Chicago's Dinner Party* and talking about her work and ideals. Then in Calgary at the Glenbow Museum on November 20th she will present a slide show and talk, before going on to Saskatoon. The film she will show in Edmonton and Banff follows the making of *The Dinner Party* from Chicago's initial interest in china painting to the installation of the piece in San Francisco's Museum of Modern Art. It also follows up during the period when two appearances were cancelled and the piece went into storage for almost a year. The slide show in Saskatoon and Calgary deals with *The Dinner Party* from another aspect, focusing more on the embroideries.

So Art and I will be travelling this month, watching and listening as Chicago brings her images and her art-making self to the Canadian prairie. Art will be wearing the shaman gear in which s/he feels most comfortable, and I, well, you know, I've been so pleased and excited and busy reading Chicago's book and her press kit and talking to gallery people and hearing about the Shoestring's plans, I haven't packed yet, so I can't tell you. But I'll be the one grinning like a kid at Christmas, when it's finally time to open the presents. I've been looking forward to this one for a long time! If you want to share the energy or join the network, come with us, Art and I, to hear Chicago first in your own city and then beyond.

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Saskatoon	November 21, 8 p.m. Mendel Gallery Slide presentation, talk, questions

MUSIC

EDMONTON IS NOT JAZZ CITY

A true prairie culture has yet to arise

By GARY SILL
Photography by LAUREN DALE

Roger Deegan is an Edmonton composer who specializes in film scoring. His wry sense of humour frequently lays bare a collection of truths that stem from his personal philosophy: a philosophy that expresses, among other things, the value of indigenous art forms to any culture that would be genuine.

RD: One of my old preachers about musical objectives for these times that I find urgent is that there should be a greater attempt at doing an individual music that is appropriate to our area. I'm tired of the all-pervasive influence that has shaped every band in town all the way back to Hot Cottage, which was a blues band. Well, what else could they do, except sound like they came from Chicago? I used to think the Dumpertrucks were doing something until I heard *Cruel Tears*. It's a big prairie folk opera, written by Ken Mitchell, which I found disappointing. Everyone said, "Hey, here's a Canadian thing," but the music is American, like everything is.

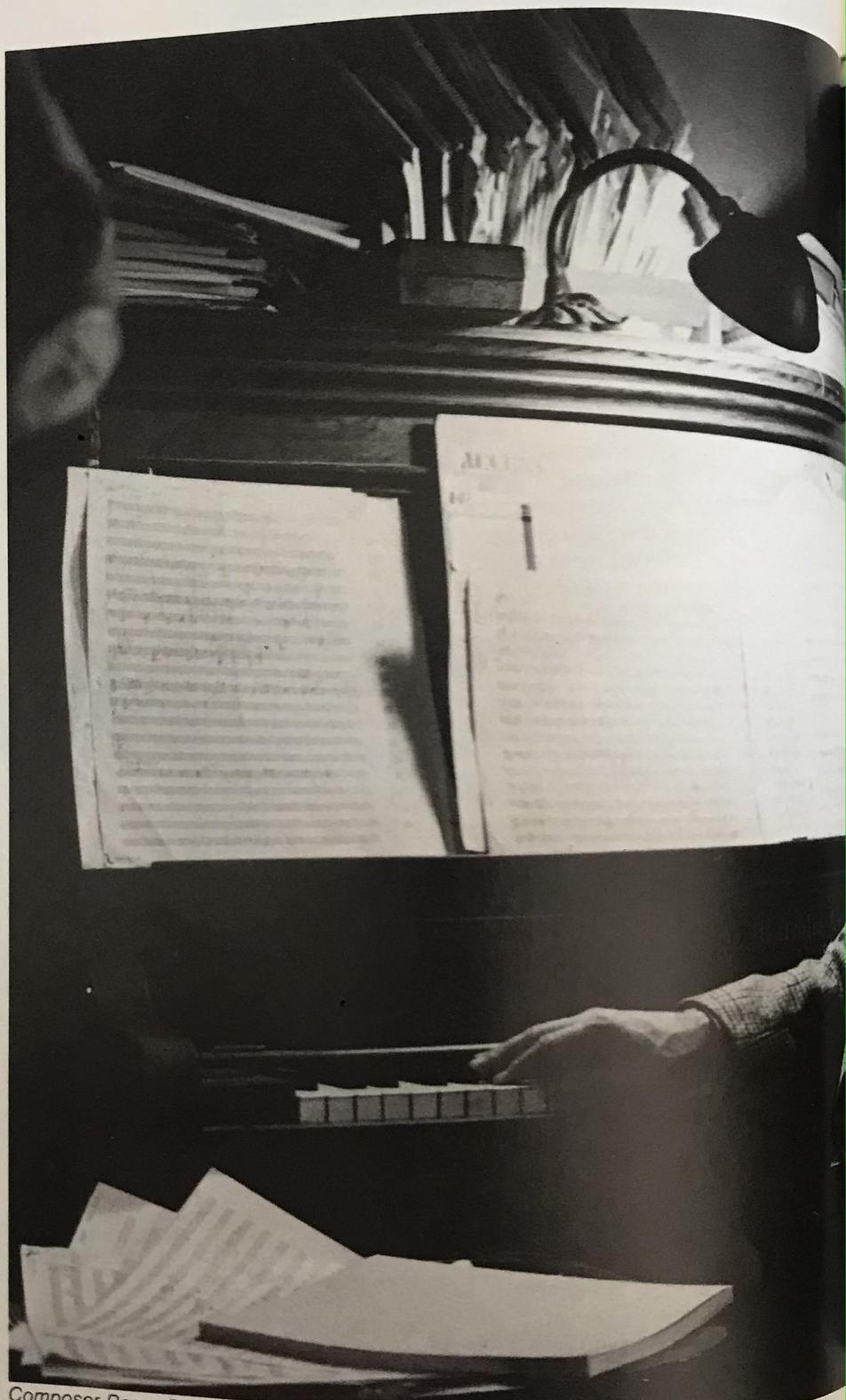
GS: So what would it sound like if it were indigenous?

RD: That's what I'm searching for. It's a real problem to forget all these influences. I used to rush home from school when I lived in Saskatchewan and listen to the Hoosier Hotshots on the radio. I wouldn't have missed them for the world. When I was a teenager, there were for me three figures who I thought were the end all—Albert Allens, Meade "Lux" Lewis and Pete Johnson, who all played powerful Boogie. That's all I played. Well, that's not very Western Canadian. And then I fell in love with Fats Waller. But I've shucked all of that. If I do it once in a while for fun, I say I'm going to play in the American style.

So when people ask me what the heck it is that they should do, I can only tell them the things they shouldn't do. You have to throw it all away, just open yourself up and feel your heritage and try to forget that part of our heritage that's been influenced by the media during the last 30 or 40 years. It's hard to be a Canadian in a cultural sense because our culture has been put down.

GS: Especially since our training in the arts has always been within either European or American models.

RD: Everyone is proud here of Grant MacEwan Community College because it teaches jazz. Jazz isn't as Canadian as apple pie. Jazz is a universal music, a good music, but it's not ours and it's not



Composer Roger Deegan: in search of a popular Prairie music.

us. It could be part of our musical environment, but it seems to me that in popular music...and here we are not addressing ourselves to the question of what is a serious Canadian music—let's leave that to the Canadian Composer and The Canadian Music Centre, let's not worry about whether or not anyone can tell if R.

Murray Schafer is Canadian instead of Polish like Penderecki...my point is that within regions there should be a popular, different music.

GS: Do you think that there is a Prairie Jazz?

RD: I think what I'm suggesting we look for is the energy of jazz without the jazz



clichés. Now, there are some forms of jazz that are as inaccessible as the most avant-garde classical music—it's for a small group of people who are connoisseurs of the rare and fabulous. That kind of jazz does not have popular appeal. Nobody can relate to it anymore than they can to Stockhausen. But in the main, the

population, including university professors, like early Beatles' albums better. They like Kris Kristofferson better, or Joni Mitchell. Go look at their record collections. They're not buying the Canadian composers that come out on the CBC's subsidized records. This music is not popular.

GS: So we need to create an indigenous music. That's tough to do without an indigenous culture.

RD: But we have the same common roots that led to American music. They have a distinctive music. It came from Europe just as ours did and merged with the music of Africa. We don't have that element—we are not entitled to a jazz history. We are entitled to a modification that can happen to a music when it gets out into this space, a space that was originally French, German, Celtic, Scottish and Irish. American music coming here should be transmogrified in some way. But we imitate. Pop groups strive hard to get that diction that will make them sound, say, country and western.

As a matter of fact, it's training people to speak that way. They listen to the music, and the result is that the average youth is speaking a kind of patois which was never here before. It's not the way I was taught to speak. I had the broad mid-western accent common to Canada, North Dakota and South Dakota; a kind of middle-of-the-road English. But now it's changing because everyone is influenced by what they hear on television, radio, records and in the movies.

GS: Which they listen to more closely than they do to each other.

RD: Yes. And then they imitate that quality of speech in each other. We no longer sound like we did even 30 years ago.

So the problem is: how do you keep a distinctive identity in any kind of art product when you are next door to one that's turning it out in such massive doses.

Canadians should sell music to the United States. Nobody can make it within Canada because the market is too small. Canadian musicians need to strike the American market, but unfortunately I don't think that there are too many good Canadians, not in terms of interest. All they sound like is an imitation of Americans. If they sounded different I believe that, contrary to what the commercial interests say (you must be *saleable*, you must have this commercial sound), if you really sounded different, you would really catch on.

I was struck by the way an updated regional music such as that being played by the Chieftans in Ireland, is found so interesting in North America. They're not doing anything commercial at all, they're probably not as authentic as the music was once, but it's folkish, it's populist music. I prefer the term populist. I don't

write pop music and I don't really write classical music either, so I call it populist; it's geared to the taste of a large group of people, but I don't hold back on the application of any amount of technique that it needs. In other words, I will treat it just as carefully as if I were writing a sonata for serious consideration in the ivory halls of academe.

I think you have to get on top of it by having thorough training—you need those tools, so you are comfortable with the skills of musical invention. Then there must be a wide, eclectic taste in music so you can understand all the possibilities. When you are on top of it like that you have some flexibility, you can shuck it. If I never learned any music and just played

boogie, I would still be locked into some kind of narrow little jazz field and probably be very narrow minded about it too. "Country and western is junk, cocktail piano is goo," and on it goes. I would not grow any, I couldn't change. I'm saying "I" collectively, meaning all of us trying to be good and successful musicians. But I really think that not too many are consciously thinking about getting on top of it and being different. I'm asking for a little originality instead of the imitation. This has nothing to do with putting down American music. This is not another anti-American tirade. They have their own music, they do it well, but I think that something else could be done without us just being a carbon copy. I think that

something utterly different could be successful—I really do.

GS: Do you hear any distinctive sounding popular music being made today?

RD: There are a few bands that are supposed to have their own distinctive sound, but basically they're all into the same genre. And there are just more and more and more of them. The competition is fierce, the commercialization awful, the whole industry, the whole way of life is macabre in extreme. What musician in the middle ages would be burned out at 32? He would still be in training. Like Ravi Shankar, he would still be trying to get a handle on it, ready to go on to stage two. According to his guru, he has almost mastered stage one.

GS: Is there an Edmonton jazz sound?

RD: One thing I couldn't agree with less is the term "Jazz City" being used here. That such a place as the utter boondocks, Alberta, which on the wide scale of things—where this place is, its heritage, its history, how it developed, who the immigrants were—should be called "Jazz City" is absurd. There are Jazz Cities....

GS: But is Edmonton one?

RD: Well, why should it be? Is it our cultural heritage that we should turn this into Jazz City? I don't see any reason why we shouldn't have good jazz in Edmonton, but to say that the music of Edmonton is jazz is asking an awful lot of jazz. It suggests that everything was jazz at one time or that all our heritage has led to jazz.

GS: Do you think that all that's needed to have an indigenous music is enough time?

RD: I'm worried about time. The passing of time also involves more and more conditioning of taste. Listen to any van going by, and the taste of the guy in that van. There's nothing Canadian left in that guy's head. If there ever was, since he was born far too late to have anything indigenous; he didn't even get a Canadian reader in school. That guy is totally the product, not of his geographic environment, but of the cultural environment which is the result of a commercial empire bombarding us with its message. And he's got the message. He doesn't know what he is. This is an American town, culturally speaking.

GS: Do you think that by writing music for film you personally can influence a change?

RD: Possibly. It depends on the demands of the film. I can't bend the film too much. I have to do what is appropriate to the film.

GS: But you do a lot of Alberta films, films that are set in the west.

RD: Yes, *Wood Mountain Poems* [based on the poems of Saskatchewan poet Andy Suknaski] is maybe the best of them. There's no American music in it, per se. I don't really know how to describe the music, except to say it did express my impressions of that kind of south prairie in Saskatchewan. I can't really analyse in what way it does that. Some of it was



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almost classic music, some folkish in a way. Some native Indian in a way—that is my impression of it.

GS: Is it fair to say that you prefer doing music for films that are about this part of the world?

RD: It gives me the greatest opportunity to express myself, in the manner we have been discussing. But in quite a few films I have to, almost regrettably, sound American because of the context of the film. Again, this is not an anti-American thing; it's just that I don't want to repeat the mistakes I commonly see in films. For example, a film about the far north that has a jazz score. There's always that obligatory percussion going in anything. Commercial ads as well. Now I don't want to suggest what they should do, but I don't think that everything should be done with a percussion track. In fact, I yearn for someone to put out a record that doesn't have a trap set going all the way through. It's a return to a less sophisticated reaction to music—just listening to the basic beat of a club on a log. I suppose that's why it's unimportant, really, what the content of the music is.

GS: You did the score for *China Mission—The Chester Ronning Story*, the National Film Board film that was produced in Edmonton. Were you happy with it?

RD: YES. There was such a lot of attention paid to it. Some of it spilled over to me, to my embarrassment. One thing that people working in film must be is very self-effacing. I have talked to people in the Alberta Composers Association and similar groups who have expressed an interest in doing music for films. It is quickly clear in most cases that they're not filmmakers in their attitudes. The film is just a platform from which to expose an audience to some of their music. That's not the right attitude. It's not an ego trip; if anything, it's done by people with an inferiority complex. [laughs]

GS: Well, it's just that the music has to be deceptive, in a sense. It has to have impact without being obvious.

RD: Yes, it's got to be good music. That's the irony of the whole thing. If it's just a kind of pap, or claptrap, or hackwork, then that suggests several things. Perhaps the guy was just doing it for the money, which is curious because there are lots of other ways to make money with a lot less strain. If he is not interested in the film, why does he want to put his music in it? If he is just putting in crap for the money, well I just get deeply puzzled. But nobody around here works that way, anyhow—they all take it pretty seriously.

But I was somewhat embarrassed when some of the hoopla around *China Mission* spilled over to me. It was the only time anyone had mentioned that I had anything to do with a film. Not even *Wood Mountain Poems*. They had interviews, I was present, but the press didn't make any comment about the music. That isn't usually done, unless the music is a big

pop hit record album spin off. Or you might be a big, big guy. There is a film that Oscar Peterson scored, for example, and they always mention that he did the music—well that's because he's Oscar Peterson.

GS: Not because of the music.

RD: Right. It certainly doesn't do the film any harm. Usually the music writing doesn't even get mentioned if it's terrible. But that would be unfair anyway: unfair to those of us that work in the field. It's a dangerous occupation. You've done some of this—it's an extremely dangerous way to apply your musical training. I get scared every time I do it.

GS: What keeps you doing it?

RD: I don't know—maybe it feels so good

when I stop. [laughs] But I keep doing it because when I finish doing one, someone phones me up to do another one, and I don't have any reason to say no. The industry hasn't been so busy for me that I can refuse anything. Even when it's somebody saying, "Save this turkey." I get that old pearls before swine feeling, but I have never worked on a film that I didn't find some merit in. I have a positive attitude about the film, I am looking for something in that film. Now, maybe that film has got very little in it, but whatever little is in it, I will appreciate. I will do what I can to bring out those qualities in the film, that's my responsibility as a film composer. □



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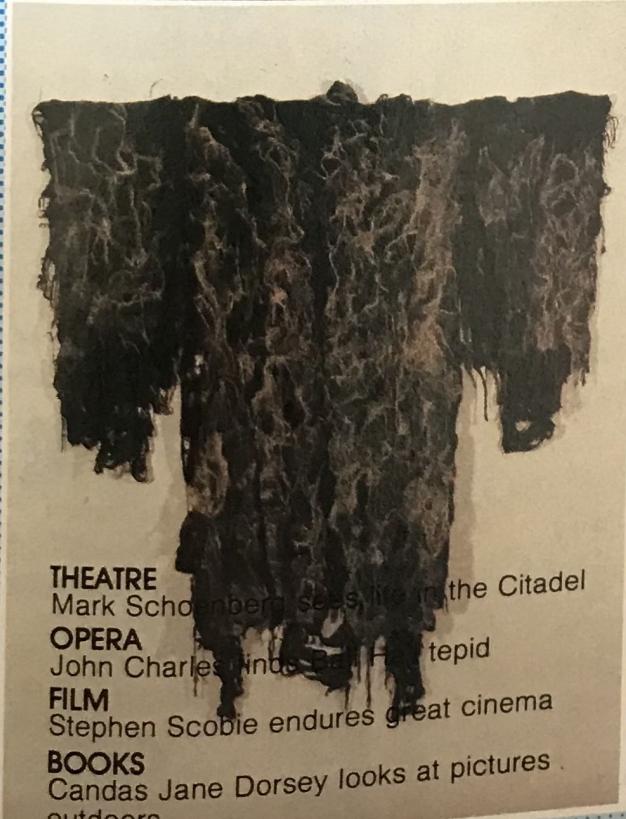
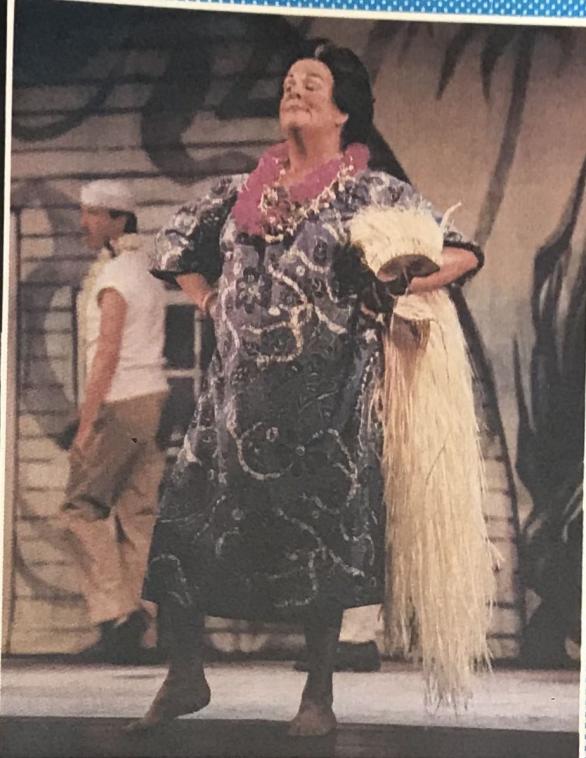
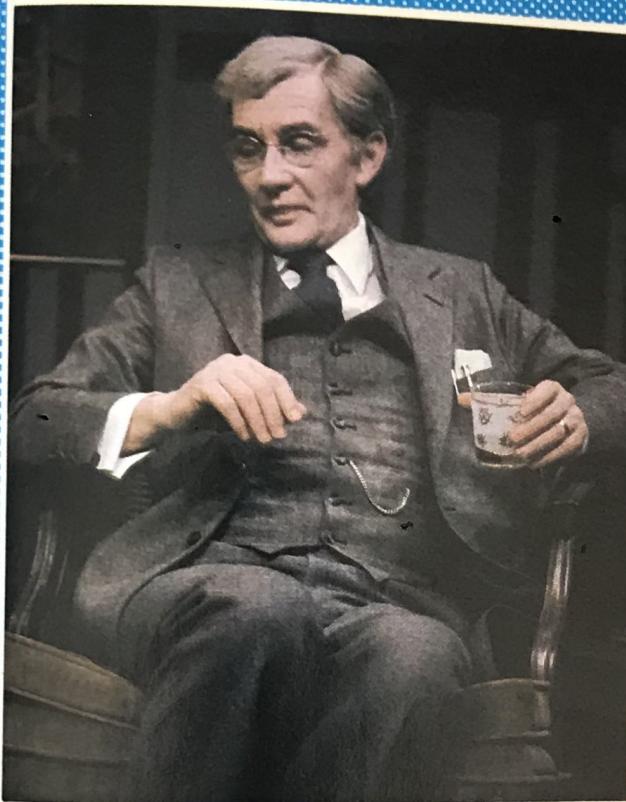
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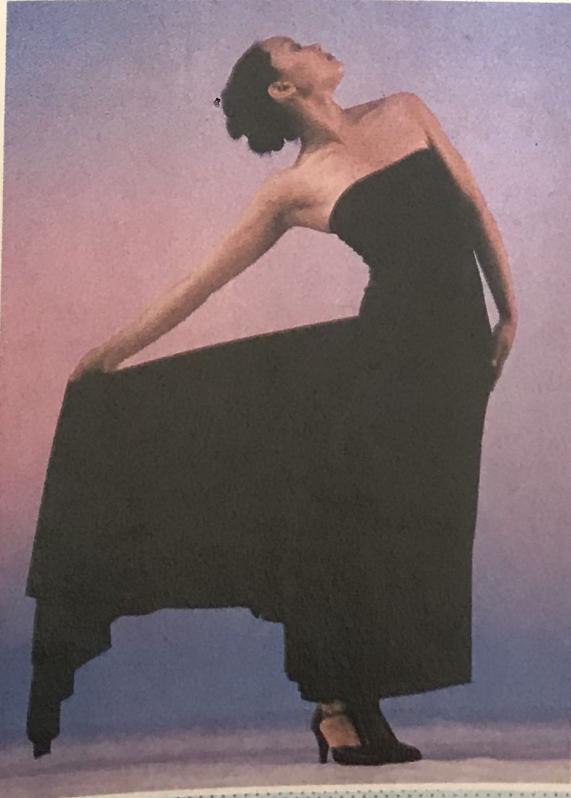


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Mark Schoenberg sees *Julius Caesar* at the Citadel

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John Charles Lindo finds *Die Fledermaus* tepid

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Stephen Scobie endures great cinema

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Top left: Roy Dotrice as Desmond Drumm in the Citadel's season opener, *A Life*, which appears on Broadway this month. Mark Schoenberg reviews *A Life* on page 35. Photo Amyn Nasser.

Top right: The "Great Canadian Diva" Maureen Forrester as the lusty Bloody Mary in the Edmonton Opera Association's September production of *South Pacific*. John Charles reviews the piece that made American musical history on page 42.

Bottom left: Graphica Art Gallery presents a unique group showing of weavings and fibre art this month. The exhibition, entitled "Tapestry Plus", features the work of 14 fibre artists and runs November 15 to 29. Shown here is a 6'6"x 5'9" kimono weaving by Michelle Héon. For more information, consult the gallery listings.

Bottom right: The Toronto Dance Theatre, one of Canada's oldest and best-known dance troupes tours Western Canada in November. Edmonton performances take place November 14 and 15 at SUB Theatre on the University of Alberta campus. Pictured here is company member Grace Miyagawa in David Earle's *La Bilancia*. For more details, consult the dance listings. Photo Andrew Oxenham. □

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The Postman Always Rings Twice

(Wed. Nov 5 in Tory Lecture Theatre) Lana Turner and John Garfield conspire to kill. (1946) Thriller Series.

Shock Corridor

(Wed. Nov 12 in Tory Lecture Theatre) Reporter seeks murderer in an insane asylum. Rare screening of this Sam Fuller film. (1963) Thriller Series.

The Green Room

(Mon. Nov 17 in SUB Theatre) Truffaut's latest, about a man obsessed with death. (France, 1979) Thriller Series.

On Dangerous Ground and Angel Face

(Wed. Nov 19 in Tory Lecture Theatre) 7 pm. Double bill of film noir thrillers. (1951 and 1952 respectively) Thriller Series.

Cluny Brown

(Mon. Nov 24 in Tory Lecture Theatre) Jennifer Jones in the sophisticated Lubitsch comedy. (1946) Classic Series.

The Third Man and Crossfire

(Wed. Nov 26 in Tory Lecture Theatre) 7 pm. Double bill of film noir. (1949 and 1947 respectively) Thriller Series.

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Hataraku Ikka/

The Whole Family Works

(Sun, Nov 2 at 8:50 pm; Sun, Nov 9 at 7 pm) Japan 1939. Skirting the requirements of national policy propaganda films, director Mikio Naruse makes a film about the day to day life of the working poor. All 11 members of the family are forced to work so that they can eat. When the oldest son wishes to quit work in order to go to school, a survival crisis ensues.



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To Be Or Not To Be

(Wed, Nov 5 at 7:30 pm; Fri, Nov 7 at 9:20 pm) USA 1942. Ernst Lubitsch directs. Black comedy set in Poland at the time of the German invasion of 1939. A Polish acting troupe tries to sabotage the Nazis by acting as Nazis and soon finds itself caught...almost beyond recall.

Five Easy Pieces

(Wed, Nov 5 at 9:20 pm; Fri, Nov 7 at 7:30 pm) USA 1970. A fiercely independent former classical pianist turned oil-rigger returns to his family home, the environment that both nurtured and stifled him.

Meetings With Remarkable Men

(Thurs, Nov 6 at 7:30 & 9:30 pm; Sun, Nov 23 at 8 pm) Great Britain 1979. Peter Brook. In 1920 there appeared in Western Europe a man who had spent 20 years travelling through the Middle East and Central Asia shaping his philosophy, continuously improving himself to self-created criteria. His name was Gurdjieff; his remarkable men are people he met during his formative years. Peter Brook shot much of this film in Afghanistan.

Io Sono Anna Magnani/

I Am Anna Magnani

(Sun, Nov 9 at 8:15 pm) Belgium 1979. Chris Vermorcken. The film traces Anna's life story: the ups and downs in the career of the anti-star. With clips from films by Visconti, Pasolini, Fellini, et al. Interviews with directors and friends. A tribute to Anna, a treat for the cinema buff.

Note: All Belgian films shown in November are 35mm prints, courtesy of the Belgian Embassy in Ottawa; they are not commercially available.

Hollywood Cartoons

(Wed, Nov 12 at 7:30 pm; Thurs, Nov 13 at 7 pm; Sun, Nov 16 at 7:30 pm) Early Disney, Popeye, Bugs Bunny, Betty Boop, Gene Kelly dancing with Tom and Jerry...

Bringing Up Baby

(Wed, Nov 12 at 8:20 pm; Thurs, Nov 13 at 9:30 pm) USA 1938. Howard Hawks. Perhaps the funniest of Hawks' comedies. Again and again after no matter how many viewings, the spectator is delighted by small touches of comic business, often beyond the critic's reach, since they defy verbal description—matters of gesture, expression, intonation.—Robin Wood

Prune Des Bois/

The Wolf Cubs of Niquoluna

(Thurs, Nov 13 at 7:50 pm; Sun, Nov 16 at 8:20 pm) Belgium 1980. Marcel Lobet. Four children discover a baby in the woods and decide to look after it without telling anyone, but complications arise. A charming film, received enthusiastically by parents and children alike.

Kalgenrel/Coup d'Etat

(Fri, Nov 14 at 7:30 pm; Thurs, Nov 20 at 9:45 pm) Japan 1973. Yoshishige Yoshida. Yoshida's film on the abortive coup d'etat in 1936 concentrates on the role of the originator of the uprising, a civilian who has no direct connection with the rebels but whose ideas permeated their thinking. He was sentenced to death for advocating an essentially right wing revolution.

Genji Monogatari/

The Tale of Genji

(Fri, Nov 14 at 9:30 pm; Thurs, Nov 20 at 7:30 pm; Fri, Nov 21 at 9:30 pm) Japan 1951. Kimisaburo Yoshimura. This star-studded super production marked the 10th anniversary of the Daiei studio and depicts the glorious if philandering story of Prince Genji. Based on the 54 volume epic by Murasaki Shikibu, a lady of the court of Empress Akiko; a faithful rendering of the romanticism and decadence of the court in the 11th Century.

Die Dreigroschenoper/

The Three Penny Opera

(Wed, Nov 19 at 7:00 pm) Germany 1931. Director G.W. Pabst blends a number of fascinating components harmoniously into a truly unique film. Late expressionism and "neo-impressionism," a play by Bertolt Brecht, Fritz-Arno Wagner's camera work and songs by Kurt Weill (articulate punk stripped of its R & R beat).

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

(Wed, Nov 19 at 9:30 pm) USA 1939. Frank Capra. "The only causes worth fighting for are the lost causes"—thus the judgement of James Stewart's Jefferson Smith, who takes his crusade to the Senate. This nicely paced film hasn't lost a bit of its freshness; it is still as enjoyable as it was in 1939. Both Capra and Stewart have called it their favorite film.

Pu San/Mr. Poo

(Fri, Nov 21 at 7:30 pm; Sun, Nov 30 at 6:30 pm) Japan 1953. Kon Ichikawa. Satirical, dark comedy, set in Tokyo, derived from the cartoons of Taizo Yokoyama. It depicts through its caricatures the poverty, hunger, unemployment and sheer exhaustion experienced by many people at the time (1953). It also expresses the deep apprehension of the time about the pos-

sible restoration of militarism, the new constitution of 1946 insisted that rearmament could not take place, it happened.

La Grande Illusion/

Grand Illusion

(Wed, Nov 26 at 7:30 & 9:30 pm) France 1937. Director Jean Renoir describes a complicated and unusual social structure—the relationship of French captors in a prisoner of war camp—by means of a theory of types. He shows sides can have a greater kinship with each other than with the men in their command, and how a soldier of peasant origin and a soldier from a wealthy Jewish family have more in common through their wish to survive than ethnic and class tensions might imply.

Les Rendez-Vous d'Anna/

The Meetings of Anna

(Thurs, Nov 27 at 7:30 pm; Fri, Nov 28 at 9:15 pm) Belgium 1979. Chantal Ackerman. A female filmmaker floats around Europe. Her run-ins with several people, both strangers and intimate relations, reveal her as a catalyst but not ready for any kind of commitment. A film in touch with its time, capturing the permissiveness both freeing and setting people adrift in search of new ways of facing the eternal needs of self knowledge and social coping.

Ashani Shanket/

Distant Thunder

(Thurs, Nov 27 at 9:45 pm; Fri, Nov 28 at 7:30 pm; Sun, Nov 30 at 8:20 pm) India 1973. Satyajit Ray. Apart from occasional newspaper headlines declaring the rise in prices and a few faded photographs indicating a more universal famine, the physical scope of the plot is

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Sunday Films

(4 & 7 pm) Religious films are scheduled to coincide with the museum's lecture series on religious traditions.

Reach for the Sky

(Tues Nov 11 at 2 pm) Britain 1956. The story of a daring airman who never let the tragedy of amputated legs interfere with success. Family.

SUB THEATRE

Student Union Building, University of Alberta Campus. **Coal Miner's Daughter** (Tues Nov 4 at 7 & 9:30 pm); **The Blues Brothers** (Sun Nov 9 at 7 & 9:30 pm); **Urban Cowboy** (Mon Nov 10 at 7 & 9:30 pm); **Caddyshack** (Wed Nov 12 at 7 & 9:30 pm); **The Fiendish Plot of Dr. Fu Manchu** (Wed Nov 19 at 7 & 9:30 pm); **"1941"** (Tues Nov 25 at 7 & 9:30 pm); **Cheech and Chong's Next Movie** (Fri Nov 28 at 7 & 9:30 pm.)

At the Movies

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THE GREAT SANTINI

The first half of *The Great Santini* is nothing short of brilliant: as fine a portrayal of family life, and the pressures of the American obsession with

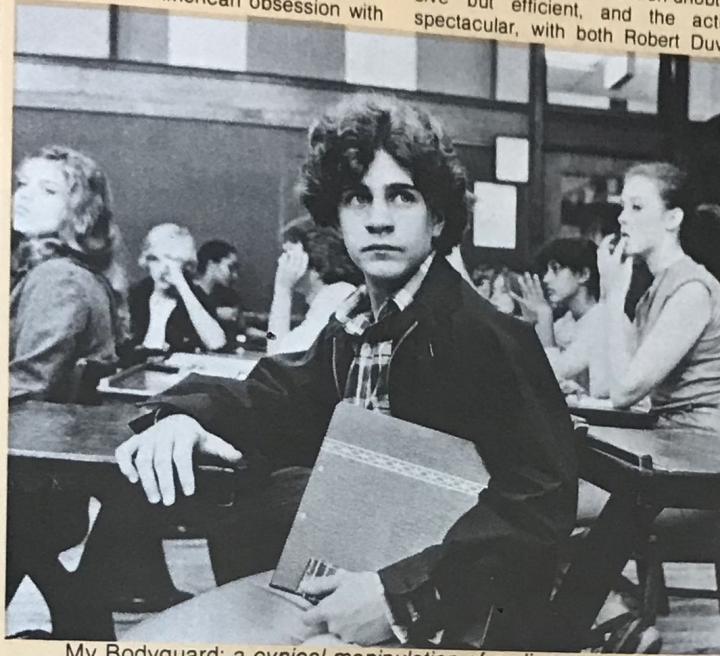
sports and masculinity, as has ever been put on screen. The writing is sensitive and exact, the direction unobtrusive but efficient, and the acting spectacular, with both Robert Duvall

and Blythe Danner staking out early claims to Academy Awards. Around the half-way mark some things start to go a little wrong. An unnecessary sub-plot goes wildly out of control, and for a while the film degenerates into melodrama. The ending is also questionable: the problem is how to get along with a live father, not with a dead hero. It's as if the film's makers (or backers) couldn't trust the quiet truth of the early scenes, and felt that they had to have some violent action—a pity. But though these later scenes spoil the film, they don't destroy it. The basic strengths of the acting and the characterizations are enough to hold out against the melodramatics of the plot developments, and *The Great Santini* emerges as a very good film with a few bad patches rather than vice versa.

MY BODYGUARD

This is a made-to-order hit movie, in which all the audience responses are cynically manipulated in the most "appealing" way possible, i.e. in the easiest, crudest, least imaginative direction. The film shows how a sweet sensitive boy learns how to beat up on bullies all by himself. Bullies, it turns out, can't stand being hit on the nose: one quick straight left and all your moral problems are over. American audiences

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My Bodyguard: a cynical manipulation of audience response



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FILM IN REVIEW

A MARATHON OF PAIN AND UNDERSTANDING

By STEPHEN SCOBIE

2ND FESTIVAL OF
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Varscona Theatre
September 26 to October 9

Undoubtedly the major event of the Varscona Festival this year was the screening of Hans-Jürgen Syberberg's *Our Hitler*, a film so extraordinary that it defies comparison and (on a first viewing at any rate) judgement. The simple logistics of it—its seven and a half-hour length, its determinedly uncompromising address to the audience—make it unlikely that we in Edmonton will have many chances to see it again. Yet it is impossible to take it all in at once: Syberberg's whole method is of over-saturation, a multiplicity of images—verbal, visual, and musical—in endlessly complex inter-relations. In the end you sit there numbed, both physically and mentally, and the film itself, like its subject-matter, becomes a nightmare to be escaped from.

Hitler is the third part of Syberberg's trilogy on the fate of German culture in the last hundred years. It began with *Ludwig—Requiem for a Virgin King*, in which the same techniques of filmed unreality were applied to the bizarre biography of Wagner's patron; and it continued with *Karl May*, a somewhat more "naturalistic" account of the famous German writer of Wild West romances, another crazy visionary who faked a universe and made the world accept it as real.

One subject of *Our Hitler*—one subject among many—is how the Nazis appropriated and permanently compromised the German Romantic tradition. Addressing one of the Hitler puppets towards the end of the film, a young actor says sadly, "You stole our language from us. Now we can no longer say 'courage' or 'glory' or 'honour'—you took these words away from us." Part of Syberberg's project is to rescue the language, to recover the Grail of Romanticism from the evil magician: Hitler as Klingsor in Wagner's *Parsifal*.

Like Werner Herzog, Syberberg derives the tension of his films from the fact that he so fully understands the phenomenon he is attacking. Hitler is not seen, naively, as *out there*, but as part of all of us, *our Hitler*, "the consummation of your most secret wishes," the "bad conscience of democracy." Hitler must be not only understood but imagined: only then can Syberberg begin to reclaim his soul, his nation, his culture, his music. To object that the result makes Hitler, in some respects, attractive, is merely to miss the point: only after you have admitted the attraction can you comprehend the evil.

Syberberg's array of techniques—the sound-stage setting, the puppets, the back-projections, the thickly layered collage of music and speech, the sheer length and accumulation of detail, the analysis, the parody, the corny symbolism, the poetic meditation, the brooding, intense, melancholy, hysterical,



Syberberg's seven-hour marathon *Our Hitler*: only after you have admitted the attraction can you comprehend the evil.

contemplative tone—is too utterly individual ever to be copied or repeated, even by himself. *Our Hitler* may not be a film with any very obvious influence; more likely, in terms of the history of film form, it will prove to be a glorious dead end. But it is, certainly, the most important film of the 70's decade.

Other Festival offerings paled in comparison. After the seven and a half hours of Syberberg, it may seem perverse to complain that some of the other films went on too long—but length is relative, and while Syberberg needs his expansiveness, others don't. The Yugoslav film *Frangrance of Wild Flowers* had a very nice little joke going for it until it bludgeoned it to death by pushing it at least 20 minutes farther than it was worth. Similarly, I felt that *The Balance*, by the widely acclaimed Polish director Krzysztof Zanussi, tried to impose too great a load of significance on a story and a set of characters that weren't well enough developed to support it. Both of these films would have been much stronger with some tight editing.

My own choice from the rest of the Festival would be another German film, Reinhard Hauff's *Knife in the Head*. It sets up a fascinating situation: a man who has been shot in a police raid has to relearn his whole language, his whole personality, in order to arrive back at the moment of the shooting, the moment simultaneously of his death and his birth. It's an existential thriller disguised as political drama,

a detective story inside the head. Like so many of the recent German films, it manages to keep several levels going simultaneously, and bring them all to a satisfactory conclusion: the ending of *Knife in the Head* is the most brilliantly open, totally unresolved ending I've seen for a long time. And also, like so many of the recent German films, it features a brilliant performance by Bruno Ganz, as well as a more subdued but equally effective contribution from Angela Winkler—two of the great actors of contemporary film.

Bo Widerberg's *Man on the Roof* is a more straightforward thriller, with some nicely rumpled Swedish policemen going bleary-eyed about their jobs. The last half hour of the film jumps suddenly into a spectacular action sequence which, though very well handled, seems to have little to do with the mood or atmosphere of the first half of the film.

Overall, attendances at the Festival were down from last year, arousing some dark mutterings about its future. Perhaps it was a mistake to hold it in September rather than August; too much else is going on. But the Festival format is essential to the continued presence of foreign-language film in Edmonton, especially now that the management of the Varscona has reverted to Odeon. It deserves to be much better supported: with an audience as large as Edmonton to draw on, there shouldn't be an empty seat. □

presumably cheer because they identify the nasty-looking villain with the Ayatollah; Canadian audiences cheer (a) because they've read the reviews and know they're supposed to, and (b) because they identify with the Americans. The only thing in this movie more insufferably cute than its glycerine-eyed hero is Ruth Gordon, whose feisty old lady act has become one of the truly excruciating spectacles of recent cinema. The tone of the movie is set by a scene in which a frazzled school teacher explains that Romeo and Juliet were just two kids who had the hots for each other. Realism! Relevance! Literary illusions!

THE GREEN ROOM

(Edmonton Film Society, Mon. Nov 17, SUB Theatre) This is the best film François Truffaut has made for years. It's also one of his oddest: as if Roger Corman were directing Henry James. The basis is actually a James story, about a man so obsessed with being faithful to the memory of his dead loved ones that he is unable to love any of the living. Truffaut plays the main role himself, and his stiff, detached style of acting is exactly right for the part. He also peoples his shrine of the dead with Werner in *Jules and Jim*, whom he identifies as "a German soldier I once killed." In its fascinating balance between classical detachment and romantic obsession, *The Green Room* is closest to *The Wild Child* of all previous Truffaut films, but nothing he has ever done has had quite this edgy tone, this slightly necrophiliac beauty.

THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

One more strike and they're out.

DRESSED TO KILL

What a drag.

Film News

After a slow start, 1980 may prove to be one of Alberta's busiest years for film production. Only three films worked the province in the early part of the year, but by fall, five features were being shot or in pre-production, with three more on the horizon.

Powderheads, a low budget ski comedy originally titled **In Flight**, was shot in Jasper in January. Shooting for **Death Hunt**, originally titled **Arctic Rampage**, a controversial \$10 million adventure drama, took place in the Banff-Canmore area from March to May. Starring Charles Bronson, Lee Marvin and Angie Dickinson, and directed by Peter Hunt, the Raymond Chow/Albert S. Ruddy production was the centre of a much publicized storm of protest, because of the rather loose treatment of history in the script. In

August, Mara Film Productions of

Calgary shot a low budget futuristic action drama in the Drumheller Badlands with stars Doug McClure, Darren McGavin and Robert Wisden of Edmonton. David Robertson directed for executive producer Harold Sobel and co-producer/production manager Glenn Ludlow.

In September, **To Touch the Wind** started shooting in the Canmore area. A family film set in the Alaska wilderness, it stars Robert Logan (**Across the Great Divide**). Chris Chapman directs this Famous Players production.

The end of September also saw **Pure Escape** begin shooting in Lethbridge. This is a comedy western set in 1942, starring James Garner, Dixie Seate and Billy Dee Williams, and written and directed by Stuart Margolin (of *Angel* fame in **Rockford Files**). Budgeted at around \$6 million by Cinema Star Productions Ltd., this Canadian feature (Margolin is a landed immigrant) was scheduled to shoot for five weeks in Lethbridge and three weeks in Texas. Jon C. Andersen is co-producer and production manager, and Grace Gilroy of Edmonton is assistant production manager. John Scott handles transportation and wrangling, while Bette Chadwick of The Other Agency in Edmonton supervised Alberta casting, in co-operation with Walker-Bowen of Toronto.

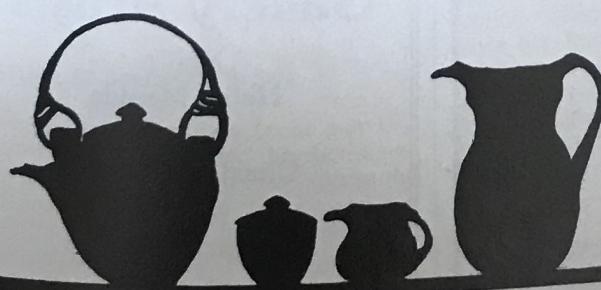
This month **The Last Desperado**

moves into Heritage Park in Calgary for three weeks of shooting, after two weeks of shooting in Fort Steele, B.C. The story of Harry Tracy, the last of the Hole in the Wall Gang, stars Bruce Dern and Helen Shaver. Written by R. Lance Hill, the \$8 million western is produced by Ronald I. Cohen and directed by William Graham. Casting again was by Walker-Bowen and The Other Agency.

Also shot in Fort Steele last month was **The Grey Fox**, a \$3.5 million western based on Bill Miner, first man to rob the CPR and apparently the first robber to say "Hands up!" Richard Farnsworth stars in this Mercury Pictures production, done with the co-operation of the CFDC and Famous Players. Director is Phil Borsos, producer is Peter O'Brian, and Barry Healey is co-producer.

In the planning stages are **The Golden Touch**, to star Cliff Robertson and to be directed by Buddy Bregman for Harry Cole's TYT Productions (last year's delayed Glenn Ford vehicle **Thirty Years to Thursday** reborn with new star, director and title); **Ghostkeeper**, a low budget thriller by Badlands Pictures should start production at Lake Louise this month; **Dante's Inferno**, a contemporary version produced by Martin Dorf of First International Pictures in Los Angeles, is tentatively set to shoot in the ice caves of Bragg Creek. □

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Photography Gallery (Nov 4-21) Landscape images in black and white by Robert Bourdeau. **Foyer Gallery** (Nov 5-30) Ceramics based on a theme of children's fantasy illustrations by Pat Galbraith.

CHRISTIAN ARTS

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(Nov 11-13) A juried exhibition of Alberta religious art shown in conjunction with the opera *I Am the Way*.

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PLEASE NOTE: As of Nov 9 the gallery

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Don Shean (Nov 9-22) Watercolour figure studies and landscapes; **Duncan Curry** (Nov 23-Dec 6) figurative ceramic sculptures.

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150 Years of Watercolour Paintings in Alberta

(To Jan 4) A survey of watercolour painting in Alberta, organized by the Glenbow, with funding assistance from the Alta 75th Anniversary Commission. **The Bizarre Imagery of Yoshitoshi** (To Dec 28) Prints, albums and paintings by Meiji era artist Tsukioka Yoshitoshi. **Gathie Falk: Night Paintings** (To Dec 28) Twelve large night paintings by this Vancouver artist. **Tim Zuck: Paintings** (To Dec 15) Works from 1975 to the present by this Halifax artist. Organized by the Glenbow with funding assistance from the Canada Council. **Contemporary Art Society** (Nov 8 to Jan 18) An exhibition of work by this Montreal based group active in the 30's and 40's. On tour from the Edmonton Art Gallery. **Paul Delvaux** (Nov 10-Dec 10) A comprehensive exhibition of oils, watercolours and drawings by this Belgian surrealist.

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ART SHORTS

By CANDAS JANE DORSEY

LATITUDE 53 Society of Artists

The Death of Randolph Leuder—a reconstruction by the Society of Thorburn's Astral Research and Works from the Society's Files

October 4-18

The artist prefers to be known only by his membership number in the Thorburn Society but rumour has it his name might be Allan Dunning. The Society of etc. presented a wonderful, various, inventive, consistent and multi-media "reconstruction" of the life and death of the 17th Century weirdo. The work filled even nooks and crannies in the new Latitude 53 Gallery and also sprawled across the yard (where snakes crawled through the still-standing corn rows and poor Leuder's effigy lay pierced with a fletched arrow...) This was much fun, carefully created, and a great show to open their new space.

STUDENTS' UNION GALLERY

Patkau & Hildebrandt: MVA work

Brian McNevin: video art

September 23 - October 12

Patkau made learning kits and films to teach deaf children sentence patterning. I liked the twin assumptions that (1) these are art and (2) children can be taught artistically (as well as creatively). Her frog film was fun. Hildebrandt makes letters—A, M, etc. I use letters too, and I identified with their 3-dimensional contortions. (Language is like that.) McNevin makes video art into a self taught, self created portrait sitting—a lesson in concentration, a steady hand, peripheral vision and the distortions of the vidicon. (Vidi-con, get it?) I have a good time at SUB shows, and remember them too.

PREVIEW

LATITUDE 53 Society of Artists

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Latitude's new space is a house only one and a half blocks away from the High Level Bridge Gallery (fountain) and just across the street and north a bit from the famed Casa Loma. This artist-run co-operative gallery is spinning shows through at breakneck speed:

To November 2—"Latitude Collects"—a showing of work from the collections of members and friends of Latitude who collect art "which is in line with our alternative feeling"—international, Canadian, "early Edmonton" artists. Latitude calls this show "short and tidy... very very tasty."

November 5-16—Alan Brownoff Drawings—this Edmonton resident does large charcoal/pencil and ink figure studies

Gallery hours will be Wednesday through Sunday 12 noon to 5 pm; Friday 6 to 9 pm.

Latitude is looking for new members and for people wanting to submit work for consideration for future shows. The "alternative feeling" is to be for work that hasn't had or doesn't get a lot of exposure elsewhere. The Society will be renovating their space and getting their services together—and if there's anyone who wants to donate plants to a good home, they've promised the best of care... □

MARTIN GERARD GALLERY Milly Ristvedt-Handerek

October 9-31

Couldn't connect totally with these, no matter someone's, I'm sure.

GRAPHICA

Gaétane Riverin: sculptured jewelry

October 4-24

Rich people could afford to wear these—another example of the unfairness with which the world treats those of us who starve in garrets. All of these were very fine, and although I can't imagine actually hefting some of the multi-ounced gold rings onto a finger, a couple of the necklaces and most definitely the bracelets were easy to imagine on. (On me, of course.)

BEARCLAW GALLERY

Noboru Kubo: porcelain

October 10-31

I liked the use of the gold glaze, and the wonderful shading and depth in the red and purple glazes on these pieces. The flowering branch motif was used in some to great effect. While sometimes Noboru has too much happening in a piece to suit me, in some bowls and "lidded forms" there was a lovely simplicity that gave great depth.

HORIZON ART GALLERIES

Gisela Felsberg: oils

October 9-25

These are pictures of the Alberta mountains—Kootenai Plains, etc., done "on location." They look very much like the places I know, but somehow much darker. There does not seem to be a radiant sun light in Felsberg's world. Yet her colours are like the real. *Little No Name Lake* was one of my favourites but I enjoyed several. But where is the brilliant mountain luminosity?

BEAVER HOUSE GALLERY

Present Tense: Recent Acquisitions of the Alberta Art Foundation

September 29 - October 24

The usual problem with "recent acquisitions" shows here—there are so many different styles, one of each, that it's hard to get a unity of concentration as one is wrenched from style to style. But I like the way (and the quality) that the AAF chooses, so the work transcends the problem. Favourites, of course—Sandy Haeseker's *Dogwalk—The Dunes*, Faulkner's rainbow-cloud glassware, Friesen's miniatures, Ohe's lovely kinetic *Venetian Puddle*. (My mom and I had a lot of fun with that one. Too bad the floor looked so dull underneath it—it could have used a better background.) Wally May came through with his feathers again too, and Robert Guest's ghost tips were kind of neat.



WEST END GALLERY

Robert Genn

October 6-18

I liked this work very very much. The light, the sharp dramatic shapes, the bright acute use of colour were all right on. I stopped listing favourites when I realized my list would have been most of the show—but I'll mention *Derelict*, *Orcas Island*, *The Orange Boat*, *Morning Mist on High Kokanee* and my companion's absolute favourite, *Sketch*, *Boomboat*, *Annieville*, with its spare use of paint and its lovely clarity. Genn sometimes lets the texture of the surfaces on which he paints show through to create part of the image—I love a mind that can see in negatives that way. This work showed how oils need not be muddy and dark but can gleam and cast light. I like to see an artist use the medium that way, rather than be used by it. Lovely, lovely.

DOWNTAIRS GALLERY

Kate Graham: Recent Works

October 6-18

These leaf/flower/pinwheel shapes on soft amorphous backgrounds reminded my companion of fairy tale drawings and insects (ladybugs, dragonflies). They had a soft bright feeling that made me spend more time with them than I usually would with work of this style. The deeper meaning I leave to others. (Sorry. I know you were waiting...!)

HETT GALLERY

R.F.M. McInnis: oils

October 4-18

McInnis can create light and flowing posture very well with oils. Sometimes I was very tired of nudes, when they languished romantic and repetitive on some canvases. But one was quite splendidly non-romantic, non-languishing—a straightforward woman in glasses, arms crossed, gaze steady, and (incidentally) quite naked. I liked her. I also liked *Bright Day* and *Countess of Round Table*, the former for its light and the natural posture of the waiting woman, the latter for its optimistic beer-parlour veracity.

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HETT GALLERY

12422 Stony Pl Rd 482-5691

Brian Chubb (Nov 8-22) Landscapes in oils.

HORIZON ART GALLERIES

10114-123 St. 482-2011

Guenther Helm (Nov 6-22) Alberta landscapes in a variety of media; **Ted Harrison** (Nov 27-Dec 13) An exhibition of acrylics and silkscreen prints coinciding with the publication of his book *The Lost Horizon* by Merrit Publishers.

JOHNSON GALLERY

7711-85 St. 465-6171

Leola Smith (To Nov 7) Watercolours and acrylics. **Murray MacDonald, Dominique R. Colom, Edythe Markstad, Janet Tanasichuk and Jim Vest** (Nov 8-21) Watercolours and oils. **Joe Haile** (Nov 22-Dec 12) Oils.

LATITUDE 53

Society of Artists 9749-111 St. 434-0146.

Latitude Collects (To Nov 2) A showing of work from the collections of members and friends of Latitude. **Alan Brownoff** (Nov 5-16) Drawings.

LEFEBVRE GALLERY

10238-123 St. 488-1251

Luke Lindoe (Nov 1-14) an exhibition of sculptures in bronze and watercolours; **Ernestine Tahedi** (Opens Nov 30)

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MARTIN GERARD GALLERY

10416-80 Ave. 432-7480

Peter Hide (Nov 3-25) Recent sculpture in metal; **Wayne Davis** (Opens Nov 28) Still lifes in oils.

MULTICULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER

5411-51 St. Stony Plain. 963-2777

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OLIVER GALLERY 121

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Freida Pemberton-Smith (Opens Nov 1)

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OXFORD GALLERY

10464-82 Ave. 439-6611.

Gabor Nagy (To Nov 8) Works on paper. **Guiseppe Albi** (Nov 10-22) Acrylics on canvas. **Batik** (Nov 24-Dec 8) A selection of internationally recognized batik fine art.

PETER WHYTE GALLERY

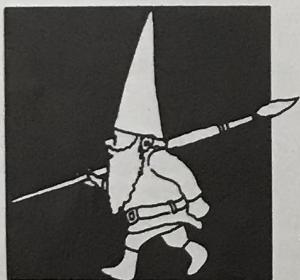
111 Bear Street, Banff, Alta

Stephen Hutchings (To Nov 9) Contemporary sculpture. **Marsha Sloanehouse** (To Nov 9) Recent pencil drawings. **Cathy MacFarlane** (Nov 12-30) Plexiglass sculpture. **Carol Harmon** (Nov 12-30) Photography.

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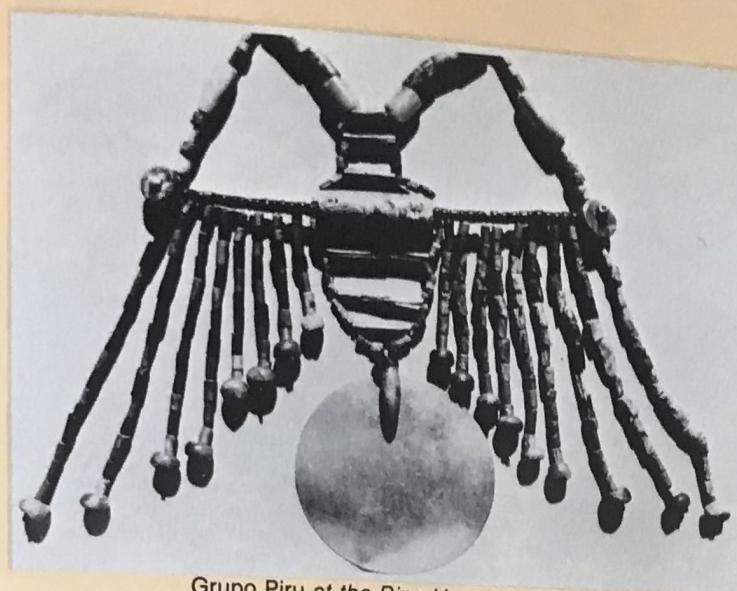
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Grupo Piru at the Ring House Gallery

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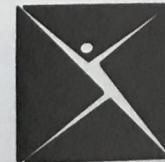
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WEST END GALLERY

12308 Jasper Ave. 488-4892

New work by gallery artists (Nov 1-15); **Grant Hillman** (Nov 17-29) representational acrylics and watercolours.

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Faculty recitals: All faculty recitals at the Provincial Museum Auditorium, 12845-102 Ave. No admission charge. **Rickman Lillenthal** (Mon Nov 3) flute, with **Marina Stolyar**, piano. **Marina Stolyar** (Mon Nov 17) in a solo piano recital. **Edmonton Wind Sinfonia** (Mon Dec 1) Dennis Prime directing.

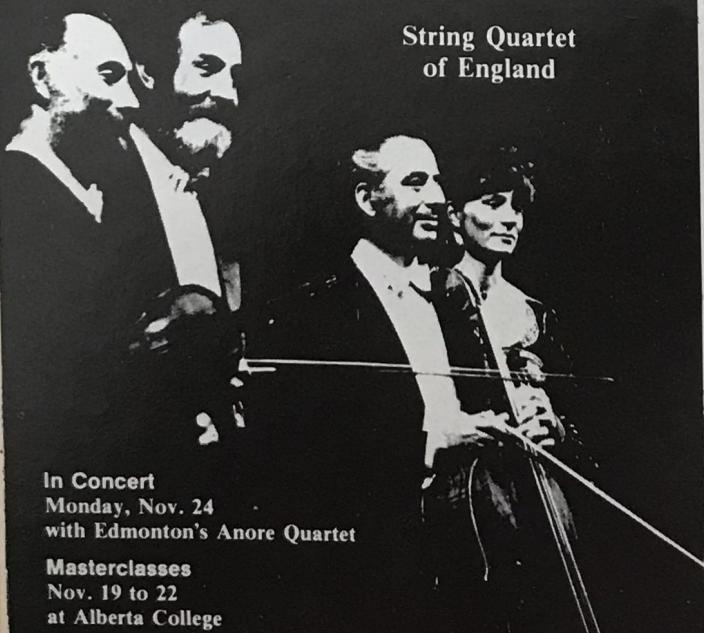
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EDMONTON JAZZ SOCIETY

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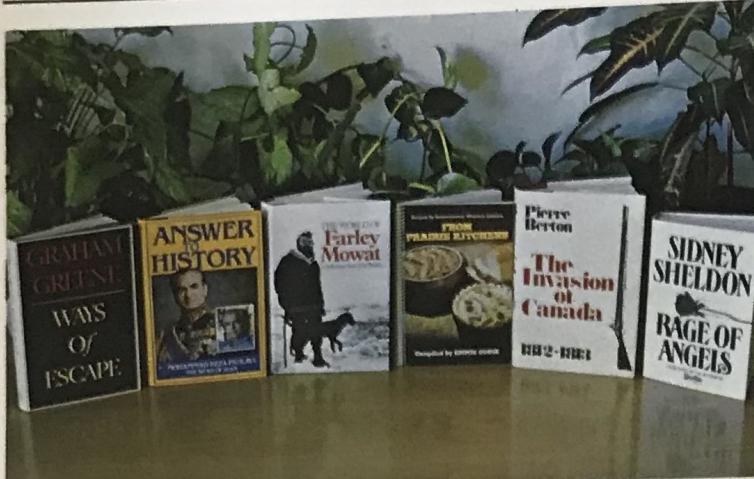
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On Thursday, Nov 6, at 12:30 pm, Dr. Sonia Arntzen will give a reading of 14th Century Japanese poetry in the Students' Union Art Gallery, University of Alberta. Admission is free.

WRITERS IN SIGHT

Monty Reid, poet and editor of *The NeWest Review*, and **Wade Bell**, author of the short story collection *The North Saskatchewan River Book* will appear at the Woodcroft Writers' Series Mon-

day, Nov 10 at 8 pm. The series is being held at the Woodcroft Public Library, 13420 114 ave. Admission is free.

JUDY CHICAGO

(Tues Nov 18 in SUB Theatre) 8 pm. Visual artist Judy Chicago, author of *Through the Flower* and well known for her exhibition *The Dinner Party* will be present for a screening of her film *Right Out of History*. A discussion/question period will follow. Students' Union Building, U of A campus. Tickets: \$2.50 adults; \$1.50 students. A SU Art Gallery presentation.

THE CHINESE MAGIC CIRCUS

OF TAIWAN

(Sun Nov 2 in SUB Theatre) 2 & 8 pm. Students' Union Bldg., U of A campus. Tickets: \$6.50-\$10 at HUB Mall, Mike's ATO (Eaton's)

CBC'S JAZZLAND

In case you missed it live, highlights from the Edmonton Jazz Society Jazz City Festival will be broadcast every Saturday in November, 12:30-2 pm, on CBC-FM Stereo, 93.3 on your dial.

CLAUDE ST-DENIS

(Fri Nov 7 in the Prov. Museum) 8 pm. Mime from Quebec. Ticket info: 423-1474.

SUGAR BEAT

CFRN's musical variety-show Sugar Beat is now being taped every Monday evening at Darlings in the Four Seasons Hotel. Hosted by 'Gabriella,' the show will feature such guest artists this fall as Vicki Moss, Big Miller, Adrian Chornowal and Susan Gilmore. Doors open at 5 pm, with taping scheduled from 6 to 7 pm, the completed show to be aired the following Saturday at 8:30 pm. The public is invited to attend the Monday night tapings. No cover charge, but dress restrictions in effect.

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PRINT BIENNIAL 1981

Open juried exhibition in June, 1981 at the TD Centre in Toronto. Open to all artists. Competition medium is all editioned prints and graphics completed after January 1, 1979. An illustrated catalogue will be printed. \$3,000 in awards. Entry deadline January 12, 1981. Write Canadian Intl Print Biennial 1981, Box 539, Stn F, Toronto Ontario M4Y 2L8.

ALBERTA FOLK SONGS SOUGHT

A record of English-language folk songs is being made; anyone who can recall songs they learned during the years between 1880 and 1945 is asked to contact Mrs. Leonora Pauls, Music Department, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta. The songs could include children's games songs, lullabies, work songs, war songs, love songs, or others. When complete, the collection will be housed in the Alberta Archives, and also made available to school children throughout the province.

STIRRING POEMS OFFERED

Continuing a movement recently noted among small literary publishers, the newly formed **Longspoon Press** proposes to offer poetry by subscription. Under the editorial guidance of **Douglas Barbour, Shirley Neuman** and **Stephen Scoble**, Longspoon intends to publish four books of poems a year, and these will be available principally through subscriptions. The first four books, to be published this fall, are:

Where Have You Been? by Miriam Mandel. **Voice Storm** by Raymond Lawrence. **The Inanna Poems** by Karen O. Thompson. Subscription price for the package of four: \$20. Individual volumes are \$7.50 each. Orders may be sent to The Longspoon Press, c/o Department of English, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2E5.

SEVEN ARTS CLUB BRUNCH

The Seven Arts Club will hold a brunch Nov 9, from 11 am to 2 pm, in the Marlborough Room of the Edmonton Plaza Hotel. Admission is \$7 advance and \$7.50 at the door. Advance tickets, phone Lee Royce, 439-1090. Annual Christmas Banquet Dec 6; time and place to be announced. The Seven Arts Club provides a forum of the arts where artists of all disciplines and supporters of the arts may gather, socialize, and exchange ideas and information. The club also functions as a showcase through their frequent programs which include arts and crafts exhibits, displays, lectures, concerts, and performances of various kinds.

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A LIFE
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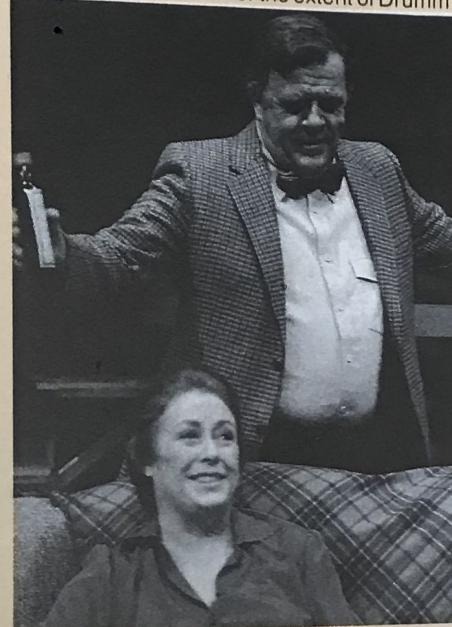
The Citadel Theatre may make it on the Great White Way after all. Its current production of Hugh Leonard's *A Life*, which headed for Broadway directly after it finished here in Edmonton, will probably win for the folks at the Citadel the international acclaim they've been chasing with such industry. *A Life* is a distinguished theatre event. It can travel anywhere with impunity.

Hugh Leonard is a writer of strength and persuasion. Canadian audiences know him for *The Au Pair Man* and *The Patrick Pearse Motel*, among others, and *D.A.*, which ran for more than two years on Broadway, and firmly established Leonard as a writer of extraordinary ability. *A Life*, Leonard's 21st play and winner of the Harvey Award as the best play of 1979 by an Irish writer, reconfirms his gifts. A peek at the wristwatch toward the end of Act I and another in the middle of Act II bear testimony to the fact that the play could use some prudent trimming but for all that, *A Life* fairly bursts with wit, irony, and insight into the human condition—all richly spun out in Leonard's brilliant prose.

The story revolves around the life and times of Irish intellectual Desmond Drumm (Roy Dotrice) who is nearing the end of 40 years servitude as a minor government official. On a fine Sunday morning he discovers he has terminal cancer. Through Drumm's memory of things past, Leonard takes us back 40 years to the time when young Desmond (Adam Redfield), the repressed son of a suicidal schoolmaster, is wooing young Mary (Lauren Thompson). She's a lithe, forward, fun-loving girl—too much so for young Drumm—who, unable to give his feelings free rein, loses her. His successor is young Lar Kearns (William Evans), a bumbling, hearty boy who will never have anything more than his rude charm can win for him. Desmond loses his precious Mary and is found by Dolly (Dana Delany), a quiet, self-effacing girl who finally and irrevocably snags him. The action spins back and forth through time playing the lives of the young foursome out against the reality of the people they grow to be. Indeed, one of the joys of *A Life* is the continuity that director Peter Coe and his actors have drawn between the youngsters and their older selves. Pat Hingle (Kearns) and Roy Dotrice, Aideen O'Kelly (Mary) and Helen Stenborg (Dorothy) are the younger four—40 years later. You never doubt it.

The performances are all worthy of the play. Hingle captures the essence of the ne'er-do-well on the dole. His openness—his simplicity—his love of his "glass" and his crude humanity are superbly contrasted with Dotrice's Drumm—a gray, correct man filled with acid wit and weary cynicism. Dotrice's triumph is that he takes this unlikeable man and

turns him into a creature we understand and care about. His performance is beautifully simple. Through the finely crafted work of the entire company, we become party to a wistful sadness. As we discover the extent of Drumm's



A Life: a distinguished theatre event

loss, it becomes clear that Hugh Leonard has written a play that is true and filled with humanity and that the actors are serving it well. And there's more. In Kearns and Drumms, Leonard has created the definitive short history of the Irish race: the pub crawling wastrel and the wasted man of the mind—crammed together on a tiny island—unable to control the forces that govern their lives.

There are some ironies in all of this. Peter Coe is leaving us. After all the agony surrounding his appointment as Artistic Director of the Citadel, Coe spends two fairly suspect seasons there and on the brink of departing provides us with a truly distinguished piece of work. Although he hasn't solved the physical problem of merging the present day reality with Drumm's vision of the past, Coe has directed *A Life* with care, affection and taste. He has also directed it with an endearing simplicity. And Peter Coe is leaving.

Finally, you have to read down the company list as far as the assistant stage manager before you find a Canadian associated with this production of *A Life*. It's deeply ironic that the North American premiere of an Irish play on its way to Broadway should provide Edmonton audiences with the best work they've seen at The Citadel Theatre in ten years—with nary a Canadian artist in sight or on view. □

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...AND MORE SILVER IN THE HILLS
Immediately preceding film week (see above), buyers and sellers of short films will meet in Banff for the **Western Canada Film Showcase**. Concerned mainly with 16 mm educational films,

the conference is set for Nov 5-9, and will be held at the Banff Centre. Delegate fees are \$30 for the full session or \$10 per day. For more information, contact Wayne Blair at the Department of Education in Edmonton, 427 2952, or Bill Hanson at the Calgary Board of Education, 268 8554.

THE PAST IS NOW WORTH MORE

First prize for the 1980 Regional History Award sponsored by Alberta Culture has been increased to \$1000, and entries are now invited. The annual competition, now in its eighth year, recognizes the best regional history by an individual Alberta author or group and published in the calendar year 1980. Entries may take the form of personalized accounts of life in Alberta or

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Ballerina (To Nov 23 in the Shoctor Theatre) By Norwegian playwright Arne Skouen. Stars Anne Baxter with direction by Peter Coe and design by Lawrence Schaefer. A retired dancer lives with her autistic daughter and creates a fragile world of fantasy.

Love in the Backseat (Opens Nov 19 in the Rice Theatre) This new musical by the composer of **Hey Marilyn** follows courtship and love's methods and madnesses through the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's.

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NON-FICTION WORTH MORE, TOO

Alberta Culture is also inviting entries for the 1980 Alberta Non-Fiction Award which this year has been increased to \$1500. The competition is open to resident Alberta authors who have published works of non-fiction during the

Nov 14 in Zeidler Hall) Associate Director Frank Norris directs this children's play by Rob Dearborn. Produced especially for school children in Edmonton and surrounding areas.

Sleeping Beauty (Opens Nov 24 in Zeidler Hall)

NORTHERN LIGHT THEATRE

In the Edmonton Art Gallery Theatre, 2 Sir Winston Churchill Square. Performances: Tues to Sun at 8 pm; matinees Fri at 12:10 pm. Tickets: Tues to Sun \$6.50/\$5; Fri and Sat \$7.50/\$6; Matinees \$4/\$3. at HUB Mall & NLT (10189-99 St). Box office 429-4392.

Wings (To Nov 9) Northern Light's award winning production returns prior to its National tour. Ann Casson stars as a woman piecing her world back together following a stroke. Scott Swan directs.

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1980 calendar year. An independent panel of judges will consider non-fiction books of 50,000 words or more in the English language. Entries should appeal to a broad readership: human interest, biography or autobiography, nature lore or history. Previous winners have included **Andy Russell** for his **Marty for Men** for the Mountains, and most recently, **James Gray** for Boom-time. Authors, publishers or interested readers may submit titles for consideration; two copies of each entry must be received no later than Dec 31, 1980, Alberta Culture, Film and Literary Arts, 12th fl. CN Tower, 10004 104 ave., Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0K5 Attention: Regional History Award Committee.

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Sandcastles (Sat Nov 29) By Don Kearns of Hemmingford, Quebec. A workshop of this finalist in the Clifford E. Lee National Playwriting Award for 1980. The play is a look at the other side of Alice in Wonderland, and examines the life of story-teller Lewis Carroll and of the little girl for whom he spun his tales.

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After opening at Theatre Passe Muraille in Toronto, the play has enjoyed long runs and uniformly positive press in Saskatoon, Vancouver and Montreal. As well, the script of *Maggie and Pierre* has been published by Talonbooks of Vancouver.

Maggie and Pierre will play at SUB Theatre from December 3-14, excluding Monday Dec 8. Tickets are \$5.50, \$6.50, and \$8 at the S.U. Box Office, Mike's and ATO (Eaton's). December 3 is a preview performance, and tickets are \$1.50 off regular price. □



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ASHOKA CURRY HOUSE (revised)
Ashoka has recently revised its menu and, sigh, the prices along with it. Nevertheless, two can dine very well here for a moderate price and the new additions to the menu make it well worth a visit. Order a combination of appetizers—samosas, cheese and/or vegetable pakoras—and your taste buds will thank you, if not graciously (depending on your preference for hot spices), then with more than enough flavour and warmth to compensate for even the dullest of winter days. Vegetable Biryani is an unusual and filling rice dish which includes shredded coconut, banana, mushroom (alas, canned), peas (also canned) and many other items which I have yet to account for. The bharta—spiced eggplant—is now served with a choice of chapatis or rice, and remains lip-smacking good. Shrimp curry is tasty and tender although small in portion. I suggest ordering a few items and sharing them with your companion. For an enjoyable and affordable entry into the world of East Indian cooking in Edmonton, Ashoka remains the very best. \$35. Beer and wine only. Mon.-Thur. 5 to 10:30 pm; Fri. & Sat. 5 to 11:30 pm; closed Sun. 9570-111 Ave. (471-1119)—C.E.

LA CANTINA

Home-made dough is the secret for the success of this tiny pizzeria, located on the 95 St. "Italy" strip. Portions are generous, the crust fresh with just the right amount of crunch, and the atmosphere appropriate—the clicking of billiard balls next door, conversations of soccer and politics in the air, and a good cappuccino just a stone's throw away. Sandwiches and lasagna are equally good. My only complaint is the use of

canned mushrooms—why, when fresh ones are continually available? Pizza for two, just under \$10. Unlicensed. La Cantina also offers home delivery. Sun. 12 noon to 12 midnight; Fri. & Sat. 12 noon to 2 am. 10816A-95 St. (428-1179)—C.E.

FOUR SEASONS ROOM

Beware all ye who enter, for here lies a menu which reeks of high quality and attention to detail. It may spoil you for all the emphasis is on originality and unique combinations of fresh ingredients, including the garnish. True to these ideals is the delicate chilled cream of papaya soup—velvety texture and subtle taste complimented by a small ham. Enjoy the delicious luncheon salad of chicken, canteloupe, pineapple and kiwi fruit in a creamy yogurt dressing served in a canteloupe. The Four Seasons Room is tastefully designed in leather, with silver plate sprinkled throughout. Service is attentive and formal, with the kitchen flexible and innovative enough to cater to many special requests. One of the most enjoyable aspects is the fact that the menu is indeed seasonal. Four times a year the menu is revamped and injected with a host of new selections.

There is a superb wine list with an unusually large number of wines offered by the glass at lunch. The pastry wagon, offered at both lunch and dinner, is a delightful spectacle to behold. Prices are high but equalled by quality and service. Lunch Mon-Fri 11:30 to 2:30 pm; dinner Mon-Sat 5:30 to 12; Sun 5:30 to 9. Completely licensed. Lunch \$20 and up. Dinner \$60 and up. Located in the

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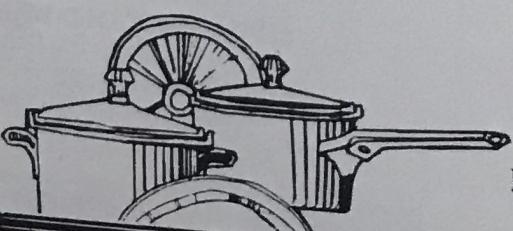
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THE MERRYLAND (revised)

There's a wonderful dish here called Sang Sun Jun—a kind of tempura of fish, shrimp and vegetables quickly, crisply cooked and hidden inside a fine, light batter like surprises hidden within the melodic name. To one who speaks no Korean, all of the names on this small restaurant's menu conjure expectations of surprise and delight, and, indeed, who would suspect that the jaunty Be Bim Bob names a mysteriously nut-flavoured mixture of "mountain vegetables" and rice; on my first visit to The Merryland (several years ago) my conversation with the waitress about the Be Bim Bob resulted in a

quick lesson on how to count in Korean, the better to speculate on how many of the "mountain" vegetables I could learn to recognize. Since then many satisfying dinner hours have been spent using the graceful *namu chokai* (pointed wooden chopsticks) to sample the wide range of dishes prepared by cook Sandy Choi. Korean food runs a gamut from items either very Chinese or Japanese in style to others quite unique (such as those still-unknown "mountain" vegetables). The atmosphere of ease, friendliness and humour created by Mrs. Choi's husband, host Moon Choi, is a perfect one in which to either try out a new addition to The Merryland's menu, or to relax with a dinner-sized *Mon Doo Kuk* (the best wonton

soup in town). Prices are moderate (the *Mon Doo Kuk* about \$5., the *Sang Sun Jun* about \$10); unlicensed. Very busy on Friday and Saturday nights, closed Sundays; hours Mon.-Sat. 11 am to 10 pm. 7006-109 St. (435-6495)—J.D.

OLIVER'S

Here's a veteran of Edmonton's restaurant scene. Dimly lit, with a decor that includes lots of dark wood and paintings in oil and on velvet, Oliver's once ranked among the creme de la creme of our city's dining establishments. The place still draws crowds, and if you choose with care an enjoyable dining experience can be yours—for the money. This is beef country and the variety of cuts fills an entire page of the menu. The meat is excellent and cooked to perfection. Chances are, if you ordered your steak medium rare and you don't like what you've got, you probably don't know what medium rare is. The chef has been cooking steaks on his charcoal grill longer than most of us have been going to restaurants. The lamb chops are thick and juicy and the ribs can stand among the best anywhere. Beware of the dishes cooked in sauces or other intricate preparations—keep it simple. Vegetables, alas, are rarely fresh, so take the foil off your baked potato and enjoy. The cheesecake is homemade and great. Dinner for two \$35. Fully licensed. Mon.-Sat. 11:30 am to 2 pm; dinner 5 to 11:30 pm; Sun. 5 to 9. 10130-117 St. (482-4888)—S.K.

PAGLIACCI

A brand new addition to Edmonton's restaurant row, and one that introduces the custom of tapas style dining. Tapas are appetizers, several of which can be ordered to make up an entire meal—something we've all longed to do, but

have held back for fear of incurring the wrath of both waiter and chef. Enjoy a leisurely repast—order a few dishes, sit back, relax, and keep company with one of the life-size marionettes lounging in every possible nook and cranny of the restaurant. These marionettes create an important part of the atmosphere. Colourful harlequins, bawdy wenches and a delightful mime, all in traditional garb, peer and gesture at every diner. The tapas bar itself is situated in the middle of the restaurant where patrons can watch the preparation of their meal. The emphasis is on seafood including many unique and tasty items. There are a host of choices, most very affordable, and the restaurant's hours certainly encourage late night diners to stop by for a tapas or two and a glass of wine. Lunch offers many bargains and with specials such as the chef's creation and soup and sandwich changing daily, we have variety—the magnet for repeat business. Lunch \$15 (with wine); dinner \$35. Fully licensed. Mon.-Sat. 11:30 am to 2 pm. Dinner Mon.-Wed. 5 pm to 12 am; Thurs.-Sat. 5 pm to 2 am. 10201-104 St. Revillon Building. (421-4747)—S.K.

RED OX INN

This restaurant is a joy to the palate. Tucked into a neighbourhood shopping centre, this small dining room is unpretentiously excellent. Surroundings are pleasant and relaxing, service is prompt and friendly. Daily specials augment a small but varied menu. Tuesdays and Fridays the Boston-style clam chowder is chockful of clams and vegetables, while the *Soup du Jour* is equally crowded on other days. The wine list is small but comprehensive, and my companion's white wine and my mineral water

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were served in freezer-chilled wine glasses—what luxury! My friend had the vegetarian supper, which was an immense bowl of vegetables cooked in pastry and white wine sauce. I partook of grilled swordfish in a white sauce with scallops (usually grilled haddock) as the centrepiece of the Seaboard Supper, but this was my lucky day). Both were delicious. Sauces are light and flavoursome and resemble *cuisine minceur/nouvelle cuisine*, but the butter lavishly melting over the side vegetables hints that more richness is allowed. Desserts vary from day to day. My friend and I shared carrot cake (light and not too sweet) and cheesecake (undoubtedly the best handmade cheesecake I have ever had anywhere anytime). Our bill was just under \$25, and we were happy and replete. (I went back that same week for lunch; that's another happy story...) Lunch (without wine, with cheesecake) \$10-\$12; dinner \$25-\$30. Tues.-Fri. 11:30 am to 2 pm; 5 to 10 pm; Sat. 5 to 10 pm; Sun. 10 am to 2 pm. 9420-91 St. (465-5727)—S.C.S.

SAVOURY

Ted Asai of The Granery has recently started his second restaurant (ad)venture, this time in Edmonton's isolated northwest. What a delightful change from the coterie of steak, lobster and pizza establishments located elsewhere in the vicinity. The restaurant is spacious and airy, adorned with plenty of plants, wood furnishings and a sprinkling of prints and paintings. Try the light and tasty Marinated Salmon appetizer, served with slivers of onions and green peppers. Or the popular Chicken Yakitori (skewers of bite-sized pieces of chicken marinated in a soya-based sauce). The Savoury's chef is

Japanese, so come prepared to sample a subtle hint of the oriental (sometimes in flavour, most likely in presentation), in entrees that range from Arctic Char Florraine to the traditional and ever-popular steak and rib combinations. The Caesar salad is good (the croutons are home-made) and the nibbler's serving of carrot and celery sticks, olives and pickles, provided while perusing the menu is a nice touch. The Savoury is also open for lunch and serves some interesting departures from the usual soup and sandwich fare. Fully licensed. Dinner for two \$35. Lunch Mon.-Fri. 11 am to 2 pm; dinner Mon.-Sat. 5 to 11 pm; Sun. & holidays 5 to 10 pm. 14927-111 Ave. 483-6894.—C.E.

SOUTHERN COMFORT

Genteel southern charm is the atmosphere one feels while dining at Southern Comfort. The room is airy and spacious and you can relax just by sinking into one of the big comfortable chairs. This is Edmonton's home of creole cooking, and for the most part it comes across well. Appetizers are in abundance with the Vegetables in Italian Beer Batter gaining in popularity. The Canapes Tarrare are nicely presented: spicy and indeed appetizing. The Bouillabaise, however, I found a touch bland, and watery. Try the Chicken Rochambeau entree or the Bayou Jambalaya, burning with Creole ancestry and spice. There are two steaks on the menu, an acknowledgement of our Alberta heritage. One is served with a herb butter glaze, the other stuffed with crab and topped with bernaise. Frozen Peanut Butter Pie is fast becoming one of the restaurant's trademarks, followed closely by the deliciously rich Bananas Foster—bananas sauteed in butter, brown

sugar, banana liqueur and rum served over ice cream. There is an excellent wine list with an equally good wine bar downstairs. Thirty-five different wines are available by the glass; discuss your choice with the knowledgeable manager. Lunch and several interesting snacks are served in the wine bar. Mon.-Fri 11:30 to 2:30 pm; dinner Mon.-Sat. 5 to 11:30 pm. Brunch Sat. 12 to 2:30 pm; Sun 11 to 3. Sunday brunch is accompanied by live jazz music. Completely licenced. \$45. 10186-106 St. (423-4086)—S.K.

of other items on the menu, from omelettes to Veal Cordon Bleu. The latter is the best in town served with big thick wedges of fried potatoes. Decor at the Gasthaus is very plain and basic, but the service is top notch and incredibly fast. A cultural experience. Opened Monday-Saturday 11 am to 7:30 pm. Unlicensed. \$10-\$15. 8120-101 St. (439-2190)—S.K.

GOOD EATS IN CALGARY

This Month's Selection

SUKIYAKI HOUSE

If you are in the mood for Japanese food, head for the Sukiyaki House. The menu is extensive and while separate dishes are available, my companion and I chose a set, five course dinner Ume Course (\$12.90) which included misoshiru (a hearty reviving broth), sunomono (cucumbers in a sweet and sour dressing), tempura, large battered shrimp, green peppers and carrots deep-fried and dipped in a soya sauce, Chicken Yakitori, small skewered pieces of chicken smothered in a sweet dark sauce and either sashimi or Smoked Salmon. Sashimi is raw tuna fish dipped in a hot, green mustard/soya sauce mixture. Smoked Salmon is served with onions and a tomato dressing. The climax of the meal though was sukiyaki—finely sliced beef, tofu, vegetables and noodles cooked in an aromatic broth and prepared at our table. Hot sake (\$2.50) was sipped throughout the meal. Secluded booths and low Japanese tables are available and should be requested when reservations are taken. \$35. Open for lunch and dinner 517-10th Ave. SW (262-9153)—E.C.

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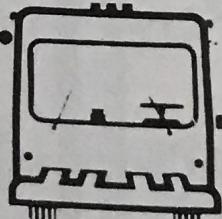
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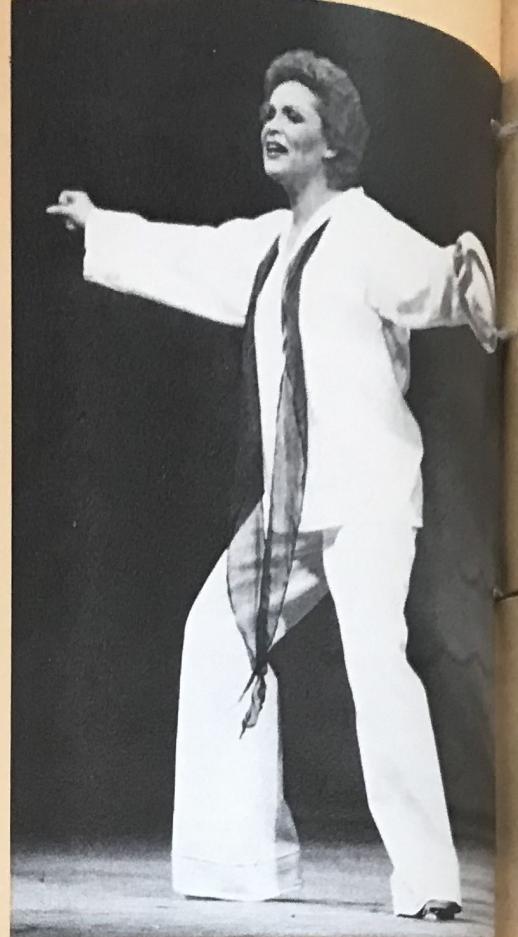
By JOHN CHARLES

SOUTH PACIFIC
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Thirty-one years after its Broadway opening Rodgers and Hammerstein's *South Pacific* looks remarkably healthy. Thirty-one years is a long time in American musical history if you think of the rock and hippie musicals, the nostalgia musicals and the disco musicals which have come and gone since then.

The success of *South Pacific* depends not

just on its popular score or its embracing of traditional virtues, but on its tight structure and admirable craftsmanship as a theatre piece. *South Pacific* was the first Broadway musical to have no blackouts or pauses between scenes. The book, by Hammerstein and Joshua Logan, creates a cinematic flow between dialogue and songs, and the contrasts of Navy hi-jinks,



Barbara Shuttleworth as *Ensign Nellie Forbush*: charming, but where was the bounce?

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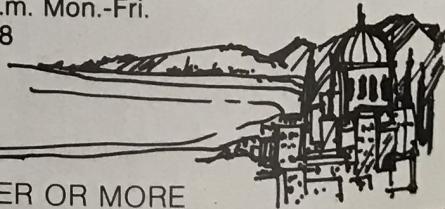
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The vigorously upbeat philosophy of Rodgers and Hammerstein, which makes some listeners long for the tarter, wittier songs of Rodgers and Hart, is certainly present in *South Pacific*. Bloody Mary continually sings of the importance of having a dream and of believing in a special island like Bali Ha'i. And this philosophy is exemplified by our heroine Nellie Forbush, whose cockeyed optimism sees only the cheerful side of life. But Nellie is ruefully aware that her attitude is uncommon, and her simplistic ideas mature during the show. The earthy pragmatism of sailors and seabees in "There is Nothing Like a Dame" also provides an effective foil for Nellie's idealism. Upbeat, yes, but we're still a long way from the smug fantasies of *The Sound of Music*.

The Edmonton Opera Association's *South Pacific* began their 1980-81 season, and was about the most authentic such production I've seen in Edmonton. No gimmicks, no ponderous rethinking, just confidence that a straight performance would bring the show to life.

The first problem with the production was the cold vastness of the Jubilee Auditorium. Even with well-controlled miking some lines were lost and the lack of any intimacy or atmosphere

was an unfortunate barrier for the audience. The other, more basic problem seems common to opera companies which attempt to do non-operatic productions—namely, understanding the style. Past EOA productions of operettas, such as *The Merry Widow* and *Die Fledermaus*, had all the lightness and charm of a fallen soufflé because the timing and style required are so different from that of the typical Verdi/Puccini melodrama.

The speed at which a musical comedy moves along is aggressively lively, and creates an exhilaration of its own which is part of the experience. Performers are more aware of the audience too; you play to them, or incorporate them into your performance in a way that's considered bad taste in opera.

Though Brian MacDonald's direction was pretty good, there was just that extra amount of time lost in crossing the stage, clearing off a chorus, beginning dialogue after a song or changing sets to slow the show's essential rhythm. Though tight by EOA standards it resulted in a first act of 105 minutes, which turned the work into a marathon.

Barbara Shuttleworth exemplified the problem. Primarily an opera singer, she looked great, sang stylishly, and had real charm. But Nellie is very bouncy, which conveys her hopefulness. Today, you need, say, a Liza Minnelli with incredible energy. Shuttleworth isn't used to conveying such energy directly, as it's not part of an operatic performance. The result was reserved and tepid. The reckless exuberance of "I'm gonna wash that man right outta my hair" was dispirited. Later scenes were better, when Nellie becomes aware of the

tragic dimension of life, but we missed the poignant sense of Nellie growing up.

Bernard Turgeon sang "Some Enchanted Evening" and "This Nearly Was Mine" with the requisite basso strength and dignity, but he lacked ardour. Emile is, after all, the ultimate Older Experienced Man, but Turgeon's scenes suggested he was headed into a marriage of convenience.

Edward Evanko as Lt. Cable acted with natural conviction and sang "Younger Than Springtime" with warmth, making him the most satisfying performer of the evening.

After 30 years of TV imitations of the raucous Navy jokes which *Mister Roberts* and *South Pacific* initiated, you'd think the routines would be exhausted. But with Allen Stewart-Coates as wily Luther Billis the horseplay was suitably bumptious, though he lacked Billis' barely suppressed manic energy.

Choosing Maureen Forrester to sing the fat, lusty native woman Bloody Mary was a coy move on EOA's part, suggesting a greater concern for box-office than for the show's integrity. Though her middle register was weak, the bottom notes were splendid and her performance professional though not entirely convincing. The audience reacted appropriately, however, finding it cute that the Great Canadian Diva could spit and smoke a cigar, and rose to her every gesture.

The chorus had the right blend of really good voices and ordinary voices to give the appropriate realistic, not-too-disciplined sound this show needs. Boris Brott and the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra made a totally positive contribution. □

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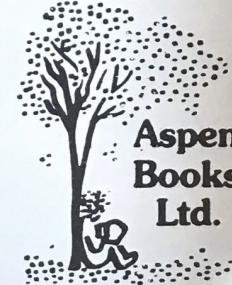
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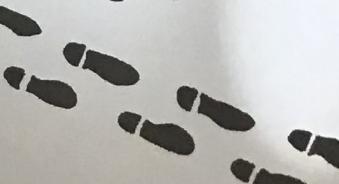
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Re: Mr. Stephen Scobie's comments on *The Shining* in your September INTERFACE.

Mr. Scobie, who employs a rather despairing style à la Stanley Kauffman, has decided to form a judgement of a film which he has not seen. Instead he has decided to shatter all conventions and go on hearsay and dismiss the canon of a director, whom talents as diverse as Nicholas Roeg and Harlan Ellison have saluted, because it appears to be "cold, pretentious, unscary and confused."

If one were to apply the same logic Scobie uses to review a film he hasn't seen to judging people one has not met, but has heard a lot about...well, one could assume an individual, like Mr. Scobie, for example, is one of those neurotic, fuzzy-brained intellectuals who talk loudly in theatre queues and suffer from a creative malaise that prevents them from finishing that novel that sits in the closet gathering dust.

Lee S. Hill
Ottawa

I have just finished reading the first Calgary edition of INTERFACE and have enjoyed much of it. There is only one complaint that I have.

Your movie reviewer/critic is the most pompous, arrogant, puerile, anserine writer it has ever been my displeasure to encounter.

It does not bother me that he pans a film which has been universally acclaimed as superior to its predecessor; if the film did not entertain him, that is how he should report it.

What bothers me is that he makes sweeping statements without ever backing himself up with examples.

He speaks about the "laughable statements to the effect that the 'characters' are now more fully developed. Oh sure. On a scale from zero to ten, the depth of characterization has progressed from 0.1 to 0.2."

Where are the examples to back this up? Surely he cannot be speaking of Luke Skywalker. This character is shown to

have become more aware of his identity through the use of his muscles and his brain. He is more aware of responsibility, and the emotional need to be true to his friends. Concepts like loyalty, responsibility and self-awareness are not trivial. Substantial progress in these areas is not moving from 0.1 to 0.2.

Your reviewer refers to the pleasant hokum of the Jedi without realizing that the Jedi were consciously modeled on the Samurai and the philosophy that Lucas hints at is somewhat more than "pleasant hokum." Ask any sensei of an Oriental martial art. What better mythological underpinning could one hope for, for such a series of films as Lucas has planned? Since when are honour, integrity and other high ideals "pleasant hokum?"

About Empire not making the jump from "bland limitations of Star Wars to the full imaginative range of the new structure"—how does it fail? Why does it fail?

Either your reviewer does not know or he is not going to tell. (A sure sign of critical incompetence.)

Sheldon A. Wiebe
Calgary

The Star Wars mythos affects the public much the way J.R.R. Tolkien did a few years back: either you give yourself to it fully, or you are forced to regard it as

brightly-coloured gibberish. Stephen Scobie clearly falls into the latter group.

Is *The Empire Strikes Back* "about the same" as *Star Wars*? Yes, even as Act II of *Hamlet* is "about the same" as Act I. The plot moves forward, problems set out in the first part are either solved, possibly opening up new problems, or they are not solved, meaning we (and the characters) will have to deal with them later on. The characters are further developed. Oh yes they are, even if it is only "from 0.1 to 0.2"; in a work of this projected length, that much progress may be all that is needed within one segment.

The tree grows, the branches spread, the characters do develop—Mr. Scobie makes the mistake of many critics in assuming that the characters are the human beings, their personalities revealed largely through dialogue. In these movies, dialogue acts the way Robert Altman uses it; it is only a part of the total scene. Sometimes we need to hear the words, but often we don't. Humans have been deliberately de-emphasized; that is, machines and landscapes are treated as characters, given equal weight with "real people." Thus, we have C3PO, a human who is mostly machine, or R2D2, a machine who is very human, or even Yoda, who is really a machine (a puppet), but functions as a human and is, indeed,

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the most charming "person" in the cast. Even the Millennium Falcon has her character developed.

Mr. Scobie saw *Star Wars* as "great fun, a slick adventure-story...in which... good always won." It had no "depth" or "imaginative range." Now he is surprised to find that the story goes on, that the "pleasant hokum" is really "profound philosophy." All I can say is that he didn't watch the first film too closely. Think of all those unanswered questions. What hap-

pened to Darth Vader? Who, or what, is the emperor? What were the "clone wars"? And who won them, anyway? We get partial answers in *The Empire Strikes Back*, but as I say, they more often than not raise a whole raft of new questions.

The most important element in these films, unlike most movies these days, is plot, the story with a beginning, a middle and an end. We have the beginning and a bit of the middle of this, the grandest project in cinema history, and we will have to

wait and see how it turns out. Personally, I feel much trepidation: I've seen too much science-fiction take off in a blaze of ideas and great promise, only to skid back to earth in a hasty, patchwork ending; it may end thus with the vision of George Lucas. At the same time, I can scarce contain my impatience till the next installment comes to a theatre near me.

J. Pasnak
Edmonton



Hands up those who think that Han Solo is showing depth of characterization here. Those who don't, please submit a critical essay by the final bell...

Stephen Scobie replies: My blasphemy in not "giving myself fully" to *The Empire Strikes Back* has drawn the expected howls of rage from the devotees, those to whom George Lucas has come to seem the next best thing to William Shakespeare, and those who cannot, in the neat phrase of the British film quarterly *Sight and Sound*, distinguish between meaningful relationships and comic-strip juxtapositions. Mr Wiebe is especially amazed that I don't regard Luke Skywalker as a profound character; Mr. Pasnak, more sensibly realizing that he can't get away with that nonsense, offers the robots, the puppets, the machines.

Mr. Wiebe also confuses reviewing and criticism. If I were writing a 20-page academic essay, I could, in great and tedious detail, analyse all the reasons why *The Empire Strikes Back* is such a clichéd, trivial, superficial movie. In a 250-word review, there is little room to do more than make assertions, in as pointed and entertaining a manner as possible. I agree that "concepts like loyalty, responsibility and self-awareness are not trivial," but the treatment of them may be—and in this case is.

Meanwhile, over in the camp of the other offended God, Mr. Hill is outraged that I should form an opinion of *The Shin-*

ing without having seen it. Mr. Hill misses the point of what was intended to be a humourous column: I wasn't reviewing the film at all, I was reviewing my own reasons for not going to see it. Mr. Hill seems to think that a reviewer should always agree with established authority: if "talents as diverse as Nicholas Roeg and Harlan Ellison have saluted" King Kubrick, how dare I do otherwise? My comments on Kubrick's career (about which I know a great deal) were about the work, not the man; Mr. Hill's comments about me (about whom he knows nothing) are personal and offensive. □

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Racial memory at 24 frames per second

By BILL PASNAK

The Director fixed me with a level gaze. "What Would You Give to See It Again?" he said.

My brain raced. I haven't seen it once yet, I thought, and he wants me to pay for a second showing? But it was only a misunderstanding—the title of the film is *What Would You Give to See It Again?*, a half-hour docu-drama about the Awasis educational program and about the cultural plight of the Alberta native people.

Before we go further, I have to say that I have not seen the film. What I saw a month ago was a slash print, which stands in relation to the finished film as my first scribbled notes on yellow copy paper do to what you are reading now. There was mostly no audio, and the print was badly marked and scratched. Knowing how defensive I feel about work in progress, I thought it was remarkably generous of Director Jorge Montesi and Producer Brent Spiess to show me anything at all.

What I saw was both heartening and discouraging.

The Awasis Program society, the executive producer of the film, was formed about eight years ago to provide a school environment in which native students can develop a positive self image and some knowledge of their past. It began as a kindergarten program with the help of the Edmonton Public School Board, and now extends up to grade three. Inasmuch as the film is about Awasis, it is heartening.

The discouragement comes when Montesi takes us to the other side of the situation, and shows us why there must be such a program and what a small begin-

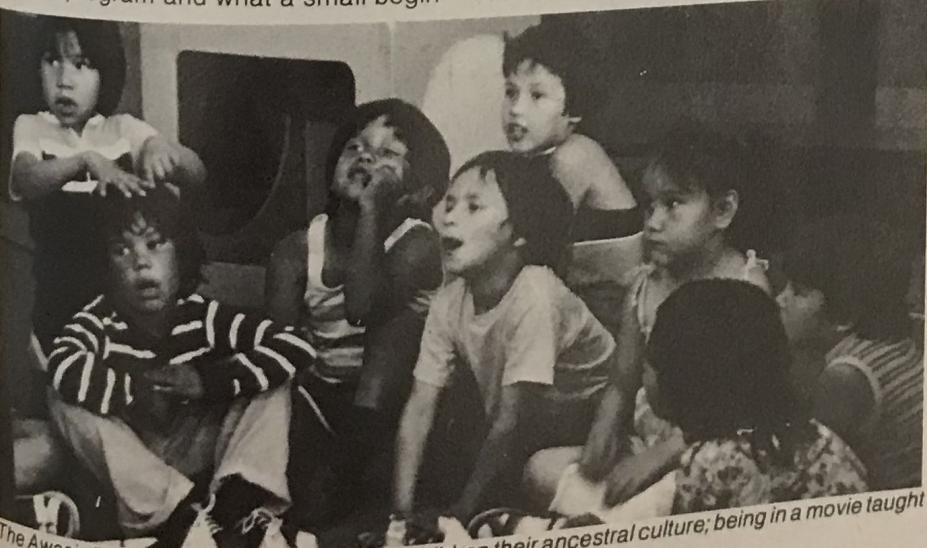
ning it is against such a deep and far reaching problem. Intercut with scenes of school are dramatic sequences showing the way life often is for native people.

Set against such a background of poverty, drunkenness, broken homelife, poor education and despair, the Awasis Program seems like a desperate clutch at the last remaining shreds of native culture and self-respect. One shot that sticks in my mind is of a child in the school sharing out bits of pemmican from a tupperware box while the teacher tells how it used to be. Is this stubborn memory what native culture is? Or is it perhaps a necessary placeholder until native people can somehow adapt to the chaotic changes of the 20th Century? I don't know.

In any case, the program and the film are signs of life, indications that some positive effort is being made to help the children who must grow up in two cultures.

By now, if all has gone according to schedule, *What Would You Give to See It Again?* has been released. When we talked last month, Producer Spiess was optimistic that the film would find a market abroad as well as at home; Europe, Japan and Australia seemed to him likely areas where the film might sell. Perhaps it will be so, and if it earns this success, then congratulations are due to the filmmakers. But whether the film is any good or not, it bears a message which deserves to be heard much closer to home than Japan.

So, I hope somebody gives something to see it again. In Alberta. □



The Awasis Program hopes to teach these children their ancestral culture; being in a movie taught them not to be camera-shy.



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THEATRICAL MAKE-UP

POTS OF COLOUR, WISPS OF HAIR

The astonishing work
of the make-up artist

By SARAH C. SMITH

When we see Luke Skywalker lose his hand to Darth Vader's light sabre in *The Empire Strikes Back*, none of us would ever assume that Mark Hamill will appear in his next beach blanket role one-handed. That and many other grisly and dramatic moments are brought to us through the magic of make-up. Equally, when we see an actor on stage playing an old man, and we know we saw him just last month as a young one, we accept as part of the theatre art the deception of make-up that aged him so quickly.

But who are the magicians who bring us these changes? Most often these days in theatre, and always in film, they are the make-up artists whose career it is to master the techniques of personal illusion, the making of living mask, the changing of an actor to a character.





The face is a page to write upon for film and stage make-up artist Jenny Diment, seen here on the set of *War Story*, a National Film Board production due to be released in early 1981. Photo Leah Main.

"For an actor to feel even vaguely convincing in the part he has to look the part," says Roy Dotrice, the actor who brought *Brief Lives* to the Citadel last year, and with it the monumental make-up which, with three hours of work, transformed him into an old man. "Make-up for any character is a preparation for the life you're going to lead on stage. The last image in the mirror is the one you carry with you."

There was a time when all stage actors were responsible for their own make-up as part of their professional duties, and in addition, depended on make-up to change them from one drastically different character to another in their lengthy tours with repertory companies. "I was in repertory for 12 years," says Dotrice, "and I played one leading role per week—over 500 different leading roles in all." In these circumstances, without a make-up specialist, players naturally developed a repertoire of make-up tactics.

But now, in North America, most theatres of moderate size and more consider a make-up specialist an integral part of their production staff. In Edmonton and Calgary I spoke to some of the make-up artists who work with theatres, operas, and in television and film, to create the visual aspects of the characters.

Jenny Diment has been doing make-up in Edmonton for 17 years, and for 14 of those has owned her own make-up consulting service, contracting services to the opera companies, the CBC, and to

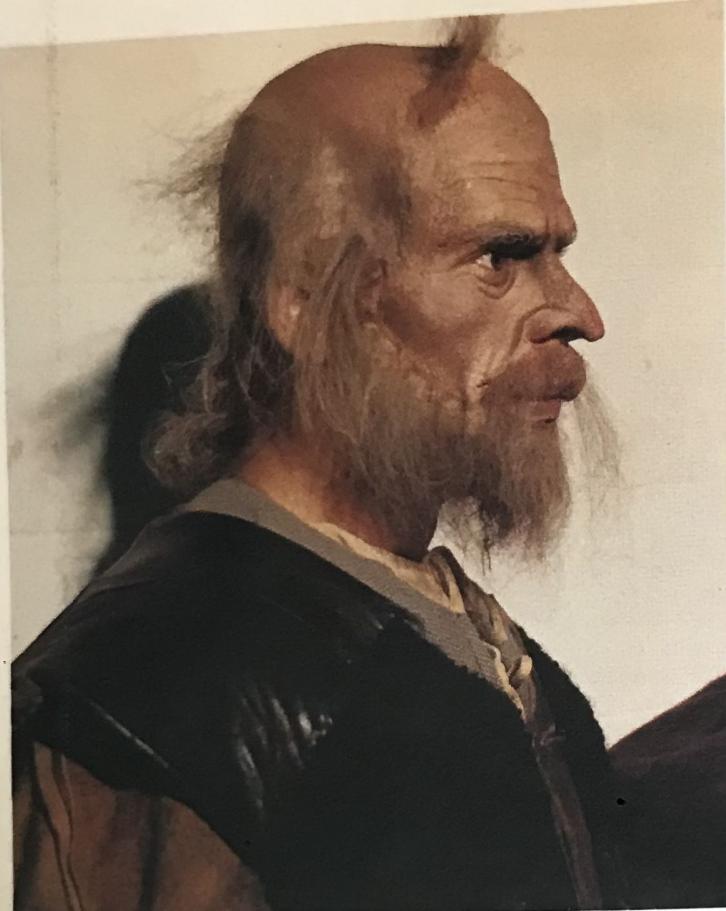
various films and other projects. She has taught make-up at drama schools and at NAIT. Jenny is a sweet-tempered, genial woman with a reputation for having a constant supply of peppermints, tissues, shirt studs and safety pins in her make-up kit. When she speaks of her work she emphasizes the actors, and does not focus on the immense technical knowledge she and her staff of four possess.

"I admire actors because they give us so much pleasure. I have operated my business on the basis that we are the last ones to touch the 'talent' before they go out there, and any one who upsets them just before they have to perform should be taken out and shot! I say that what we do is 90% psychology, 10% make-up."

In that case, Jenny must be a master psychologist, because the 10% make-up she does certainly is amazing. Recently on the set of *War Story*, a National Film Board production currently in progress, Jenny had the task of making a perfectly healthy extra look like he had received major head injuries in a mine accident. She made the transformation in under 15 minutes, with enough veracity to make even the hard-hearted shiver.

"When I do the opera, I supervise the make-up of everyone, and serve as an objective third eye for the principals who prefer to do their own. They can be very different—from someone like Jerome Hines [principal with the Metropolitan Opera in New York] who carries his own extensive make-up kit to others who say, 'I am singer, you are make-up.'"

Roy Dotrice portrays John Aubrey in *Brief Lives*, last year's award-winning Citadel production. A monumental, three hour transformation turned Dotrice into the semblance of a decrepit old man. Dotrice himself did the make-up, after initial consultation with a make-up designer in London.



Twenty-three year old actor Ron Dreiger is transformed into an aquiline older self by make-up artist Gail Myrick.

Gail Myrick, who has been involved in theatre, television and film make-up in Calgary for six years, says, "It's important that the actor is comfortable with what you're doing. It's important to work with the actor—what their mental image is of the character they're playing. If they feel self-conscious about their hair or the beard you've created then their mind is not on their characters. I always let them watch, so they can see it taking shape. I don't think it should ever be a surprise. In professional theatre I try to teach the actor to do his own. It helps them to get in character to do their own make-up. When there is a heavy fantasy or period or prosthetic make-up I do more."

Gail started in theatre as an actress, doing mainly character roles, but eventually decided "that what I really wanted to do was make faces." "Because I have been an actress I know the mental process they're going through. They can't have their minds on whether their beard will fall off. It's very important to put an actor in a performing state of mind. Sometimes I've had to do 20 people, 30 people in one evening, but I can't appear to be rushed. Everybody has to feel they're the only one."

What is the attraction that the work has for her? "I like creating illusions. It's almost like performing tricks. For example, with a certain formula, you can create an illusion of three-dimensions that really isn't there. I like the most bizarre and advanced make-up possible. When I'm asked to do difficult things I'm in my element—a challenge."

What turns you on about the make-up



André Lortie as Benoit, the drunken landlord in *La Bohème*—not ruined by drink, merely marked by make-up. Make-up is by Jenny Diment.

business, I asked John Cox, Calgary make-up consultant and owner of About Face make-up service. "The reaction to the result," he said.

I asked the same question to Jamie Brown, a specialist in film make-up who used his Olds, Alberta studio as a base for work which spans the continent. "It's creating—the challenge to have something as believable as possible," was his response. Brown studied with House of Westmore in Hollywood and began his career 17 years ago, but it was not until eight years ago that he began to work entirely in film, when "movies started coming back to Canada again."

"As in any other business, one has to acquire a reputation," he says. "I do primarily straight make-up, but over the years I have been going from straight make-up to special effects make-up—prosthetics, burns, twisted bodies—generally the unreal of the whole thing."

The art of make-up is very different on stage and on the screen. On stage, the task is to amplify the features of the character so that they project beyond the proscenium, while in film the face itself will be amplified to fill a giant screen, so the make-up must augment and change the face in the most subtle way imaginable.

"You can't successfully connect the two even though they're closely associated," says Brown, "because they use a different material and an entirely different prospect. It's difficult mentally to switch from one medium to another." Brown prefers to work only in one medium, while Diment and Co., Cox, and Myrick all range between the media.

"It's difficult to transfer from theatre to television," says Myrick. "In some ways you can get away with a lot more in theatre. You can use illusion a lot more. In television and film you have to use actual three-dimensional pieces. In film you have to be very careful, because the camera will get to within three to five inches. So if you can see it that close with the naked eye, the big screen will blow it up. And while the eye will make concessions and accept a lot, the camera doesn't accept it. The camera doesn't make concessions."

But no matter what the medium, stage or screen, television or film, while techniques differ widely, the general method of developing the make-up design is the same—arriving at a consensus through consultation between all creative parties to the process.

"They send me a script and I read it," says Brown. "Then there will be a production meeting and I'll discuss with the director what his ideas are, what he would like to see, and he'll ask me how I see it. It's mainly up to the director, but under normal conditions the actor's concern is how to look the part, so they'll do anything to assist us. It's a matter of coming up with a logical look for the person."

"I help create a character," says Myrick, "working with the actor, the director, the designer. They have a vision of the actor as a character and then it's my job to visually help the actor to create that in his face. They give me the concept—the designer may give me a drawing—and then I make sketches and work with the

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actor. How does he use his face? I find the facial gestures the actor will use on stage and the make-up follows the line of those gestures in order that it will look real. Then it is approved by the director."

The face is of course not the only part of the body that has to change to create the character. Roy Dotrice, who created his own make-up for the role of John Aubrey in *Brief Lives*, with the help of a make-up consultant in London who created the prostheses, talked about the favourite make-up of all those he has done. "This was Caliban in *The Tempest*. I played him as black. I came out naked except for a breechcloth, and I used three coats of body make-up. The last one had a shine to it. Then of course there were the boils and warts and clumps of hair—that one took me four hours to put on."

For the *Brief Lives* make-up, his brown hair was completely covered with a bald pate complete with wispy white hair, and even his hands were changed with time-consuming accuracy from the hands of an actor in the prime of life to those of an old man, gnarled and heavily-veined.

The proper colour, texture and amount of hair make a big impact on the make-up illusion. Donna Bis of Edmonton specializes in hairpieces and wigs. She majored in scenic painting in theatre school, but couldn't find a painting job when she got out, so became a hairdresser. Paradoxically, this retreat from theatre led her right back into it, but as a hairdresser instead, and soon she was studying in Ottawa with wigmaker Donna Glidden. Bis worked at the Citadel in Edmonton before striking out on her own as a freelancer earlier this year, and has worked in television as well.

"Our job is to consult with the director, actor and designer, and try to please them all—which is impossible!" she says. "I do an incredible amount of moustaches, hairpieces, toupees—they add to what the actor is trying to create. A wig or hair piece can prove really important in character roles. And we can make just as good a quality wig here in Edmonton as any place else."

All the wigs she makes are of human hair, knotted hair by hair to fine silk mesh. The hair comes from Europe or the Orient via England. Donna uses several different colours of hair blended to give a natural colour balance. (If you look at your own hair, you'll see that you don't have one solid colour of hair, but a few different shades. Only dyed hair disobeys this rule.) She is adamant about pleasing the actor who must wear the hair piece.

"How in the world can you let an actor go on stage if they hate their hair or their costume? If they don't feel comfortable, they can't give a good performance. If they say they hate their hair I change it. We're all there to assist an actor to perform. Jenny (Diment) has taught me that nothing is too much. If they need it, they get it."

"I never thought in my whole life that I'd
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SPECIAL FASHION FEATURE



A LOOK AT YOURSELF...

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Fashions & Accessories: June's House of Fashion
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The mask attracts, and then, with a droop of the wrist, reveals.
Left: a striking statement in banana jersey with embroidered sequins on sheer stitched chiffon and gold braid edging.
Make-up blended to complement in gold and bronze tones.
Right: the shimmering mystery of an all-over sequined gown
on georgette, with make-up to highlight in chianti and plum tones.

Look how you look. Others do and there's more ritual, mystery and pleasure in each piece of clothing as it's created, found and worn than we're really conscious of.



Aloofness and vulnerability combine here in classic lace and exotically plumed and sequined masks.

Left: patterned lace bordered with a glitter of rhinestones and make-up in sultry tones of grey.

Right: Guipure lace jacket over a crepe de chine dress. Make-up here in earth tones highlighted in bronze.

Form, fashion and human behaviour have been constant in confounding and complementing the appearance of individuals since clothing as a simple matter of survival stopped being an issue.



Fashions may flicker and fade, but the cool, classic look endures forever.
Above: coat in ultrasuede with textured wool knit lining over an ultrasuede suit and silk blouse, complete with ribbon trimmed felt hat.
Left: an all wool topper over a blended check suit and poly crepe de chine blouse. The classic touch is complete with a hat in felt with



Classic lines that whisper of the lulls of power.

Top left: a wool and cashmere coat piped in burgundy over a pure wool blazer suit set off by a blouse with muted stripes.

Accessories include this elegant felt hat and a bag in leather and suede.

Bottom right: a wool and mohair coat over a pure wool crepe suit, with braided trim jacket and pleated skirt—all set off by a silk jacquard blouse and felt hat.

What we wear still fulfills that basic function—along with such essential and sensual treats as eating and loving—yet we've always looked to clothing for the exotic and the eccentric as well as the practical.





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*Inclined to elegance and sophisticated relaxation, these outfits offer just a hint of intrigue.
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Bottom right: beaded satin jacket over a sequined chiffon blouse and velvet pants.*



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MAKE-UP

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make wigs—but it happened and I do it well. People say how can you do it, but every job has something about it. I never had any patience, and I still don't with everything, but with this, I have no choice but to be calm, to take my time and concentrate. I love the research, the period designs. I don't want to make wigs for people on the street—everything I've done is period work."

Whether they speak about it at great length or not, all of the people I spoke with have worked hard and long developing their skills as make-up specialists, masters of the process of illusion. "It's a hard job," says Jamie Brown. "It takes a lot of work and concentration, and you have to have the kind of personality where you can get along with everyone. Big stars have been in the film business for a long time—they're very film-wise and know what's happening all around them—and you have to be on a level with them. When someone asks me if I would train them, I give them the name of a good make-up book and tell them to go through it from page one and do everything in it, take pictures of everything they do, then come back to me in six months. I haven't had anyone come back!" The field is changing so quickly that the make-up artist is always learning. "I'm still working on it," says Brown, "and every day I learn something new." "I've trained everywhere there's training to be had," says John Cox, "in Rome, London and New York, since high school in 1947. I'm leaving next week for another course in London and in Amsterdam." Myrick trained extensively in the United States, and Donna Bis received a Canada Council grant for her wigmaking courses in Ottawa.

Advancements are always being made in the make-up field, and during their work these artists have seen a great deal of change. Some of the changes they have made themselves, developing new techniques and products to fit particular needs. But these personal changes come in a context of widespread technical and stylistic advancement. John Cox, who has done stage, screen, photographic and other make-up, says, "The main change has been in the light. Lighting conditions have improved. And of course, product has changed and improved considerably. The new products are easier to work with." Roy Dotrice also sees a change in the basic casting procedures. "Now we have much more type-casting. Now most [stage] directors don't like heavy make-up. There's a great change of attitude among directors. These days, if you're over 25, forget playing Hamlet. It's not a bad thing, but I think it's the influence of film on the stage." Jamie Brown talks about technical changes in the film industry. "There are differences in techniques and lighting, and also in the quality of the

film itself—it's more sharp, more clear and more accurate. We are continually improving and testing the materials."

"Products available now are far superior in chemical composition to what they were 10-20 years ago," says Gail Myrick. "A whole range of plastics are available for film and television which are not detectable on the skin. Because of advancements in lighting, stages are better lit so make-up has to be done with more refinement and clarity. Theatre houses aren't as big either. And the general public is so used to seeing wonderful make-up and special effects that it makes it hard on theatre people—to have to match movie magic, live."

After all the changes, the magic is still the same. To transform, with common material, the common individual into the fantastic, the ordinary face into the extraordinary character, is the same challenge. And for every *Star Wars* graduate looking for special effects thrills even in a small budget theatre, there is a child who still becomes round-eyed with wonder at the antics of a maladjusted lion, or an adult willing to suspend disbelief in order to be moved deeply by a "brief life." And as long as we long for that magic, we will need the magicians to make it—the trained artists who create for us the personal illusion of characters and bring them to life for us with skill, charm and finesse. □

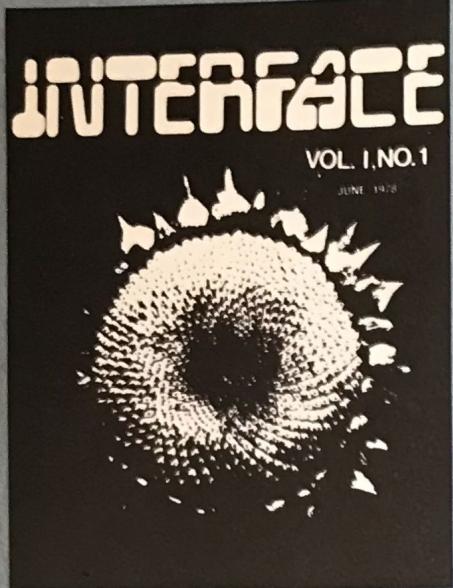


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By ERNST EDER

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This happened in slightly less than three years. During that time, as you may imagine, we have sometimes felt like Jack, who watered a bean and got his nose bumped by the beanstalk shooting up.

But our growth has surprised others, too. When we began, we encountered our fair share of doubt, scepticism, and outright disbelief in the publishing and advertising trades. One person termed us "children playing at magazines."

If that was so, it seems a lot of others wanted to play, too. We have some of the best writers, artists and photographers in the area contributing regularly to our pages, and we seem to be drawing advertisers as well; after a long struggle we have even managed to attract national advertising, which is a mark of a certain respectability in the media.

So what, you might ask, is going on? Where did this explosive growth come from, and where is it going in the future?

I'm convinced that INTERFACE has taken off not so much because of our energy, as because of the energy around us. When we started it seemed that there were dozens and hundreds of groups of people, each working in its own pocket, only aware in a cloudy way of what others were doing. The time was ripe to build some bridges, to bring some of the groups into contact with each other, to catalyze some interactions and some reactions.

It was our hope then (and it still is) to broaden the concept of "Art," so that it could be more than something framed and exhibited at a gallery, or something seen from the tenth row of a theatre. We hoped that "Art" could become a living, breathing way of life here for more than a few pioneers.

Aren't we all artists, in our lives if not in paint or verse or dance?

The response has been an overwhelming "YES!"

But where does all this lead? It leads, we hope, to some more of the same, and some unforeseen changes as well. This fall we began a Calgary edition which has its own listings of events and shows, and its own locally relevant reviews and previews in the centre CALGARY THIS MONTH section. In the next two years, we hope to see INTERFACE grow some more, until it stretches from Winnipeg to Victoria, with an edition for every major city in the four western provinces.

Ambitious? Well, why not? The artistic community in the west is as vigorous as it is anywhere, and by reflecting that vigour and spreading its influence, we feel we can do a service to everyone who lives here.

To continue as we have begun, of course, we must keep several things in view: we must keep our readers interested in our pages, and we must keep advertisers interested in our readers. We must also, in a quiet way, keep our eye out for anyone courageous enough to invest some money in us, since like most magazines we suffer from a chronic starvation for cash.

These are questions of journalism, and questions of business too; the two seem inextricably linked. Some readers have objected to what they perceive as the commercialization of INTERFACE, but it is true that ads pay the rent, and also true, to the chagrin of our editorial staff, that many people read the ads as much as they read the copy.

In any case, our balance here at INTERFACE will never be over 50/50. That means for every page of ads, we can give a page of information or opinion. Most other magazines have a much higher proportion of advertising copy.

But central to our future is the need to hold your attention. We hope to do this, not through mass hypnosis, the way television seems to work, but through responding to your thoughts and needs and experiences.

And that's why, whether we wish them or not, there must be unforeseen changes. Because we won't stop growing until you do. And we don't see any sign of that. □

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Our November Menu has it All!

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★ Canadian Rodeo Finals

★ Eddie Money

★ Roger Whittaker ★ Irish Rovers

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Theatre 3

★ Ballerina

Shoctor Theatre

★ Lady from the Sea ★ Anna on Brahms

Walterdale

Theatre

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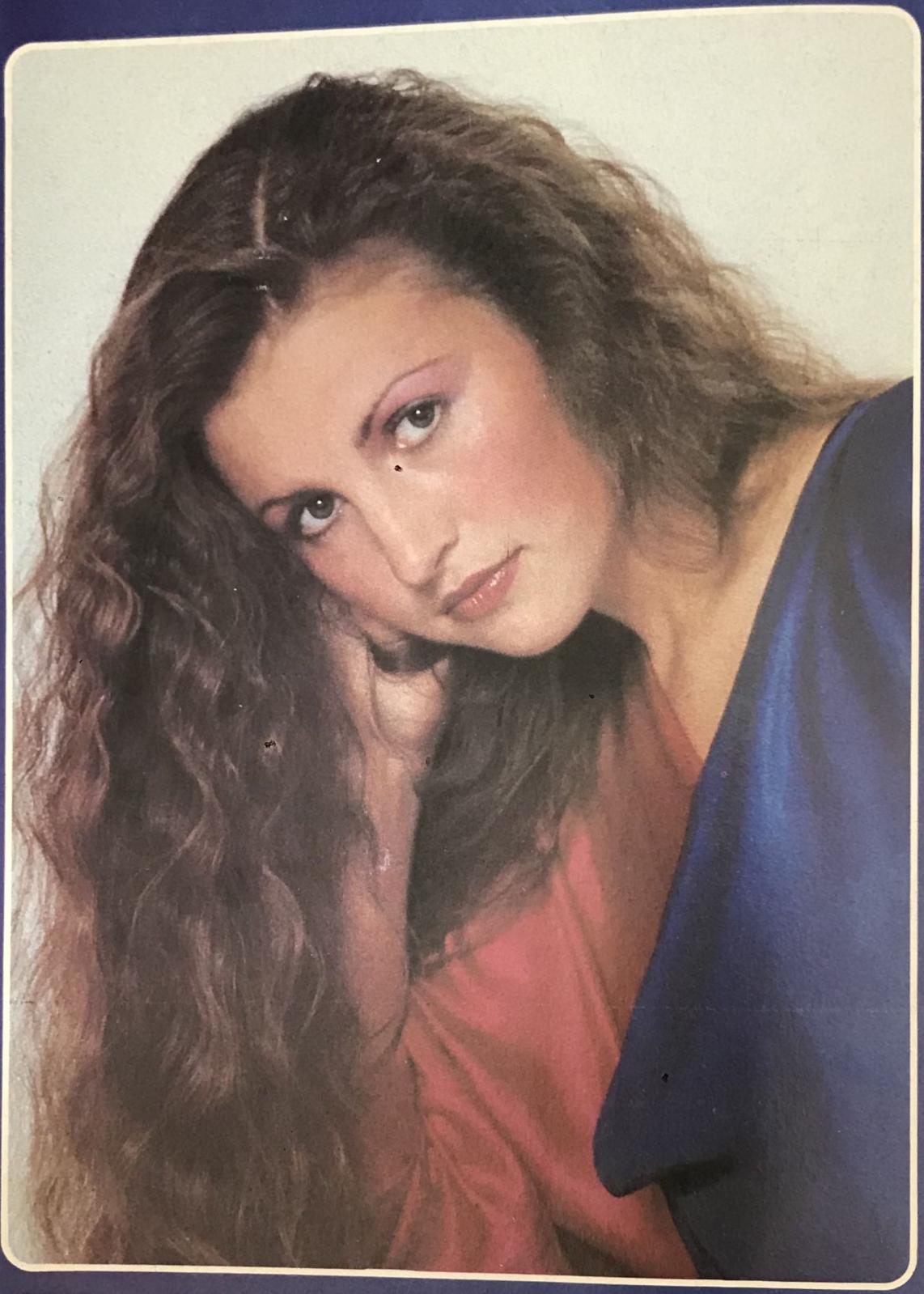
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